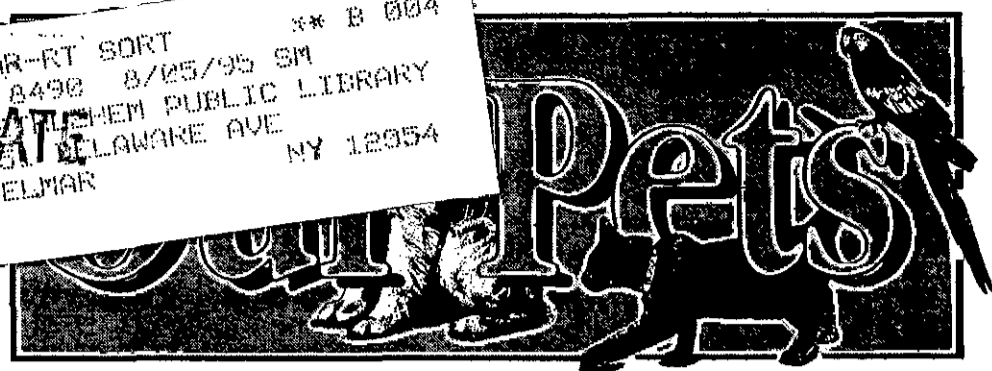


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## BC hopes to increase number of polling spots

By Dev Tobin

While pundits bemoan the 50 percent turnout in national elections as distressingly low, Bethlehem Central school board members learned that participation in BC budget votes is much worse.

At last week's meeting, Superintendent Leslie Loomis reported that less than 15 percent of all registered voters, and less than 19 percent of parents, voted in the 1994 election.

Even worse, just 3.5 percent of parents of preschool children voted last year, Loomis added.

The 1994 election, with 2,472 voters, was the closest budget vote in 10 years, with the budget passing by a mere 150 votes. The 1993 election, with 2,086 voters, was the lowest turnout in 10 years.

**This exceedingly low level of turnout has bothered us. We need more participation, particularly when times are difficult.**

Leslie Loomis

"This exceedingly low level of turnout has bothered us," Loomis said. "We need more participation, particularly when times are difficult."

He said that turnout is generally higher in years when there are contested races for school board seats, as in 1992, when 3,292 district residents voted.

Loomis proposed that the board

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## Fuller announces bid for 2nd term in top post

By Mel Hyman

Bethlehem Supervisor Sheila Fuller has now made official what most everyone assumed: She will run for reelection this November.

The 50-year-old Delmar resident makes no bones about the way she feels about the job. "I love it, or 99 percent of it. It seems like I started just yesterday. It's the kind of job that really keeps you busy."

Citing a long agenda of unfinished business, including consideration of a town master plan, Fuller said she would have more to say on the issues in the not-too-distant future.



Sheila Fuller

Her announcement sets up a probable rematch against former Democratic town chairman Matt Clyne, who two years ago came within 54 votes of becoming the first Democrat to hold the job this century.

Fuller said she derives most of her satisfaction from talking to people whether they drop by her office at the town hall or approach her in the Grand Union.

There are "a lot of positive things going on in the town," she said, and the upcoming campaign will focus on what has already been accomplished and what still needs to be accomplished.

Along with the Republican line, Fuller plans to seek the Conservative party nomination as well. She received the official Conservative Party endorsement in '93 but was denied the line after Clyne eked out a one-vote victory in the September primary.

Fuller said she has thought a lot about "what really prompted the close vote" in '93. "I'm basically a known quantity, since

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## Residents heat up on zoning proposal

By Dev Tobin

Outside, it was well below zero, and the parking lot was full.

But inside, it was a hot time in the old town hall Monday, as New Scotland residents spent three hours letting the town board know what they felt about controversial new zoning law amendments.

More than 100 people shoehorned into the town hall meeting room, with most of them expressing opposition to a sliding scale zone that would increase average lot sizes in the RA zone, which comprises most of the town.

While the current zone allows one-acre lots (half-acre with public water and

sewer), the new zone would allow 10 lots in the first 20 acres, then one lot for every three acres over 20.

The proposed zoning changes were drawn up by a zoning review committee that worked to incorporate into law the recommendations in the town's master plan update, completed in 1994.

**It's not our right to tell landowners to keep their land pretty so we can look at it.**

Anne Carson

Michael Mackey, planning board attorney and a member of the zoning review committee, defended the sliding scale as providing for "controlled development, good for the town and good for the schools."

Councilman Scott Houghtaling, another zoning review committee member, said that several studies have shown that resi-

dential development does not generate enough in school taxes to pay for even one student per house.

Farmers and developers denounced the sliding scale, while some residents supported it as a way to control growth.

"People who want open space should

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## Voorheesville principal recalls murder victim as regular kid

By Mel Hyman

Voorheesville native Karie Jean Hammond, an apparent murder victim whose decomposed body was found over the weekend along a bike path in Menands, was a regular kid who was a bit shy.

That was the assessment given by Clayton A. Bouton High School principal Terry Barlow on Tuesday. "She sang in the chorus and was a real nice kid," he recalled, "not the kind of kid who cut classes or gave anybody a problem."

"She was less than an 'A' student," Barlow said, "but she was a hard worker."

It's a real shame, a real tragedy."

Hammond graduated from Voorheesville in 1990 and attended Paul Smiths College near Plattsburgh, according to a family member. She was last seen by her family on Aug. 11, 1994, (her birthday), according to Colonie Town Police.

Hammond, 22, apparently left her job as a restaurant cook around the same time that she told her family that she wanted to move to North Carolina to do something different with her life.

Even though she had not been heard

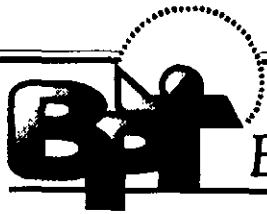
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## Pal Joev



Joey has already been adopted, but plenty of his friends still need good homes. They are waiting at the Mohawk & Hudson Humane Society in Menands.

Hugh Hewitt



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**Town studies traffic flow at Hudson and Delaware**

The Bethlehem Traffic Safety Committee is still concerned about the traffic situation at the junction of Hudson and Delaware avenues.

Town police report that people leaving Tool's Restaurant (at 283 Delaware Ave.) still continue to exit via the main entrance instead of driving around the building and exiting onto Hudson Avenue from the rear of the restaurant.

Customers failing to follow the preferred traffic flow create a hazardous condition due to the confluence of vehicles at this intersection.

In an effort to ease the congestion at this junction, the state Department of Transportation has told the committee it plans to in-

stall signs at this intersection prohibiting right hand turns by cars exiting onto Delaware from Hudson.

In other business, the committee agreed to study the need for installing stop signs on Poplar Drive. Residents there are concerned about drivers trying to avoid the intersection of Kenwood and Elsmere avenues by using Poplar Drive as a cut-through to Delaware Avenue.

This is particularly true during the morning rush hour, residents say, when traffic backs up at Elsmere and Kenwood.

**Deputies arrest woman for DWI**

Sheriff's deputies from the Voorheesville patrol arrested a local woman for driving while intoxicated following a minor accident Saturday, Jan. 28, at about 11:30 p.m.

Charlotte Birch, 34, of Voorheesville was following another car too closely near the intersection of routes 85A and 156 in the village, police said.

She struck the other car, and when deputies spoke to her about the accident, they noticed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her breath, police said.

After failing several field sobriety tests, Birch was arrested for DWI, and was due to answer the charge in village court Monday.

**Extension releases business directory**

The new edition of the *Women in Business Directory* is currently available from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County office on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

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# BC parents pledge support for budget

## Protest potential cuts

By Dev Tobin

Bethlehem Central parents will organize support for this year's budget, provided it doesn't cut too deeply into the educational program, several parents told the BC school board at last week's meeting.

"We're here to say we'll be more active than we've been before," said William Cushing, president of Bethlehem Central Community Organization, the high school PTA.

But Cushing warned that a bare-bones budget may lower the quality of education and therefore give parents "nothing to come out and vote for."

Susan Martin, a parent member of the Clarksville shared decision-making committee, agreed with Cushing that parents' willingness to work on passing a budget depends on how good they feel about it.

"We'll do phone canvassing in support of the budget, but with cuts, it's hard to go out and get that 'yes' vote," she said.

Parents were reacting the school board's request that BC administrators come up with potential reductions equal to 3 percent of the 5 percent growth in the district's fundamental operating budget, which estimates what this year's program would cost if carried over to next year.

Referring to a district study of budget vote turnout over the past decade, Cushing remarked that the low turnout of parents was "a disgrace." (See story on page 1.)

Board president William Collins cautioned parents not to push for too much.

"Only 22 percent of the voters have children in the school district," he said. "We run the risk of alienating three-quarters of the community if we are seen as just serving the parents."

And the 3 percent target is not set in stone, explained board member Happy Scherer.

"There's no commitment to make a 3 percent cut," Scherer said. "It's still very early in the process, and we're trying to take a realistic look at how we do things."

"No one is suggesting that we take Draconian cuts in this budget," added board member Dennis Stevens. "We're looking for creative solutions to (improve) how we currently do business."

In other budget matters at the meeting, the 1995-96 fundamental

operating budget starts out at \$37.3 million, an increase of just under 5 percent, said Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant super-

tendent for business.

Major areas of the budget that are estimated to increase by more than 5 percent include special education (10.8 percent), computer-assisted instruction (13.9 percent), and pupil transportation (6.5 percent).

State aid figures released earlier in the day were basically the same as 1994-95, which "represents a substantial transfer of the tax burden to local property owners," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

Although the district expects about 160 more students next year, Loomis said he had complied with the school board's wishes by not recommending the eight additional teaching positions (at \$352,000) that would normally be needed to deal with that number of new students.

Despite the anticipated tight budget, Loomis recommended \$117,000 in additions to the fundamental operating budget, including \$32,000 for hands-on science equipment, \$30,000 to raise the substitute teacher rate from \$52 to \$60 a day, \$17,650 for middle school interscholastic athletic coaches, \$16,700 for early intervention programs and \$15,000 for staff development in technology.

**With cuts, it's hard to go out and get that "yes" vote.**

Bill Cushing



Winter finally arrived last weekend, to the delight of kids like Kelly Hughes of Delmar, here sledding at Elm Avenue Park on Sunday. Doug Persons

# Stop signs slated for Brightonwood

By Mel Hyman

The residents of Brightonwood Terrace have apparently won.

The Bethlehem Traffic Safety Committee has recommended to the town board that stop signs be installed at the intersection of Brightonwood Terrace and Sussex Road. Residents of Brightonwood have come out in force several times since last summer seeking this action from the committee.

Should the town board adopt the recommendation — after it holds a public hearing — then the three-way intersection of Brightonwood and Sussex would have stop signs installed for both northbound and southbound traffic on Brightonwood.

The committee's action came after speed checks conducted by the police department revealed that 85 percent of the vehicles on Brightonwood traveled 48 mph or above. The study was made during the Nov. 18-24 time period.

The speed limit on Brighton-

wood is 30 mph and residents have complained that older folks and animals are in jeopardy when they ride their bikes, jog or saunter along the side of the road. The street does not have sidewalks.

"We're relieved we're at the next step," said neighborhood spokesman Oskar Harmon. "To be frank, we weren't aware of the extent of the speeding problem until they did the study. Originally, we were more concerned with the sharp intersection that Brightonwood makes with Sussex and the difficulty of negotiating it."

Harmon said the neighbors are also looking forward to the greater police presence in the area promised by Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, chairman of the traffic safety committee. "(Vanderbilt) said they would be down here on a more regular basis than in the past."

While a majority of the committee remains skeptical about the value of stop signs in controlling speeders, it was felt that some-

thing had to be done to address the egregious speeding problem that currently exists, according to deputy town clerk Terri Picarazzi, who also serves as secretary to the traffic safety committee.

The committee believes that a more permanent solution might be to install a traffic light at the intersection of Wemple and Feura Bush roads.

Apparently, many of the people found speeding on Brightonwood are Chadwick Square residents, who cut through Brightonwood to get to Feura Bush Road. It's often difficult to get onto Feura Bush from Wemple because traffic backs up at the intersection and the sight lines are poor.

One of the problems the committee has found with installing stop signs in suburban settings, Picarazzi said, is that they can create a false sense of security when runners or bikers assume drivers will come to a full stop, instead of a rolling stop, at intersections.

# BC board narrows long-range planning options

By Dev Tobin

There won't be a new elementary or intermediate school in the near future for the Bethlehem Central School District, as the school board began eliminating options for coping with record enrollment expected in about 10 years.

But don't rule out new construction at the middle school and high school or drastic schedule revisions, at least not just yet.

The board met in a two-hour work session prior to last Wednesday's regular meeting to review a wide variety of options developed by the district's long-range planning committee.

Enrollment will peak at more

than 5,200 students in the next decade, with most of the stress on facilities coming at the middle school and high school.

"The high school is not a short-term problem, but we will need to begin reclaiming as much classroom space as possible," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

"At the middle school, we need to take a hard look at how we use existing space and what is the minimal amount of new space needed," said Loomis, adding that room utilization is already "very high at BC compared to similar districts."

The committee composed of district staff and community members has been working for the past year to define a range of

options for the school board.

Both the board and the committee had rated the options on a 1-9 scale, and the board decided to eliminate the lowest-rated options from further consideration.

Ruled out so far are sending students to another district, renting classrooms and building a new elementary school or intermediate school.

The board's highest-rated options for the middle school were to reclaim classroom space, build a new library/media center, increase room sharing and build additional classrooms.

The option of a year-round schedule at the middle school barely survived the cut, but board member Happy Scherer said that

idea would not be accepted by parents "in a million years — it's not even worth trying."

Board member Dr. Stuart Lyman disagreed, noting that costly construction may be avoided by changing the schedule.

The board's highest-rated options for the high school were to reclaim classroom space, use a flexible, rotational schedule, use a nine-period day and increase room sharing.

The committee will continue to work on refining capacity calculations, examining the most efficient use of space in the two buildings and developing cost estimates for the various options for its final report, due in May.

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# V'ville mulls curriculum potpourri Southgate developers want decision this year

By Martin P. Kelly

The Voorheesville school board heard of changes and enhancements in the middle school and high school curricula Monday night, Feb. 6, at a long discussion of seven areas of instruction.

The curriculum change that drew the longest and most vocal discussion was the two-year physical education initiative.

Physical education department chairpersons William Furlon and Nadine Bassler said that they want "to make physical education more appealing to students."

"By the time a student enters the junior year, the program is humdrum," Furlon said.

The two teachers said that in the junior and senior years, they want to give students "lifelong skills" that will benefit them after they leave school. "Such courses as cross-country skiing, weight lifting and aerobics are only some of the physical education electives we will offer," Furlon and Bassler said. "We are hoping to reach the student who is not motivated by the regular physical education program or is not on school teams."

They are also hoping to give student team athletes a "waiver" from regular physical education classes to compensate for lost study time because of ongoing training schedules. "The state does allow a waiver for the period of a team's playing schedule as a one-time provision for a school year," Furlon said. "We would like to extend it for a longer period."

They received support from some members of the board. Mary Van Ryn and Erica Sufrin both agreed that student athletes need to compensate for lost study hall time by reducing regular physical education class time.

These proposals were among a host of ideas brought to the board Monday night. Teacher Frank Faber said a new "career internship" program that faculty mem-

ber Joan Herman operates on behalf of students.

"We had 35 students in the 11th and 12th-grades sign up for this program last summer and 15 of these pupils received internships in area businesses and industry," Faber said. "Of the initial group 12 students completed the first session this past fall, and they are going to be the nucleus of a study group to develop improvements in the course."

Faber said seniors will be given the first opportunity to enter the program. "We hope to develop an apprenticeship program for students who wish to continue in these businesses after graduation."

The Voorheesville school district seems assured that federal grant money will be available for the "career internship" program.

"Principles of Engineering" is another program that has been introduced into the school curriculum, Jim Hladun said. This program groups students who have a background in science and math into teams and gives them a project to solve. "One group this past semester had to develop a home solar heat project," Hladun said.

An initial federal grant of \$39,000 for this program will be replaced next school year by a portion of a large grant given to BOCES for this purpose.

"These programs are now in the curriculum or will be within the next school year," said Terrence Barlow, the meeting's chairman and high school principal. The question will be the board's ability to provide for the increased costs in some cases when the new school budget is prepared.

"Actually, the funds will come from other programs that are dropped or diminished," Barlow said. "There should be very little need for additional funds. It's simply moving funds and staff around from other curriculum

items." He said that rather than being a "budget-driven" curriculum change, these modifications and additions are prompted by student interest in the elective courses provided by the school.

Foreign languages are now being introduced to sixth-graders who were described by language teachers Robert Streifer and Judy Berlow as very enthusiastic for the program and receptive to the training.

"Once they enter the seventh-grade, they can make a choice of Spanish or French," Streifer said. "By the time they are in high school they are thoroughly prepared to undertake more formal language study and even get college credits while in the senior class."

In the English initiative described by Kiki Volkwein and Philip Davis, there will be an emphasis on writing. "We hope to balance reading and writing," Volkwein said. "Our proposal will have students reading several genres in literature, writing critical, creative and research pieces while speaking and reciting in various modes of expression."

The music initiative prepared by Lydia Tobler creates a two-year program. One year, students will study music theory and in the second year they will study various musical cultures.

"This year, they are studying theory and the courses will alternate each year from now on," Barlow said.

He said that all the new electives are dependent upon at least 12 students signing up for them.

"If money or staffing were unlimited, we'd offer every elective requested by a student," Barlow said. "But we have to be realistic."

By Mel Hyman

The developers of the proposed Southgate Commons shopping center are determined that 1995 be the year of decision.

The long-standing project, slated for a 75-acre parcel along Route 9W about one north of Feura Bush Road, should be back before the town planning board quite soon, said project manager Douglas Grayson.

Speaking from Philadelphia, Pa., headquarters for the Rubin Organization, which has owned the parcel since the early 1970s, Grayson said that project consultants are almost finished revising their draft environmental impact statement to reflect the concerns of town planners. The planning board last summer recommended that the town board, which is lead agency for the project, rule the company DEIS incomplete and send it back for revisions.

The Citizens Monitoring Southgate group, which has criticized the proposal as too large for the Glenmont area, will continue its effort to force the town board to downsize the project or else scuttle it because of its adverse environmental effects, according to spokeswoman Karen Bonventre.

The grass-roots organization insists that town officials stick to the recommendation made in the proposed town master plan that regional shopping centers are not suitable for the town and that only community-sized shopping centers be permitted.

The application for Southgate was filed in March 1993 and Grayson said it is a bit ludicrous for a project like this to be "hanging around as an issue for two elections."

The developers were hoping to start construction last year, but a complicated and lengthy environmental review process prevented

that from happening. The goal now is to start construction this spring or early summer, he said.

It would be "devastating" to wait another year before getting into the ground, Grayson said, although he added that the developers have no intention of walking away from the project even if the approval process extends into 1996.

"From our perspective, it's imperative that we meet our timetable. Carrying this property while it's idle and not income-producing is expensive, just the like the environmental review process has been."

Moreover, there is normally a "window of opportunity" where retailers are interested in a location, but that window doesn't last forever.

At the same time, other shopping center proposals have surfaced in the town and that too could have an effect on potential tenants for Southgate.

A consulting firm hired by the town — Tectonic Engineering of Highland Mills — found nearly 350 problems with the DEIS, including failures to fully address impacts such as traffic, wetlands, site geology, cultural resources, impact on businesses and compliance with the town master plan.

Southgate consultants have met with representatives from Tectonic and have significantly narrowed the list of deficiencies, Grayson said. Many of the problems noted by Tectonic turned out to be technical rather than completeness questions.

"Our application is to build a 423,000 square-foot shopping center," Grayson stated. "That's what our DEIS is designed to mitigate. Using only 250,000 square feet on a 78-acre parcel is not a terribly good ratio for land use."

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## 'Hang your Heart' drive to raise research funds

The American Heart Association is asking businesses to join its annual "Hang Your Heart" campaign, which will run through the end of February in recognition of Heart Month and Valentine's Day.

The campaign involves selling paper hearts for \$1 to patrons. Customers can write messages or place business cards on the hearts, which will then be displayed until the end of the campaign.

Employees of participating businesses will receive a "Hang Your Heart" T-shirt for every 50 hearts sold. Employees who sell 350 hearts will be eligible for raffle prizes, including a Syracuse University Starter jacket donated by Dick's Sporting Goods. Employees who sell 500 hearts will qualify for a raffle featuring an evening for two at the Olde Knox Mansion Red and Breakfast.

The proceeds will benefit the association's research and community education programs.

For information, call the association at 869-1961.

## Wing Fest is coming to the Knickerbocker Arena

Q-104 and WTEN/TV 10 will host their annual Wing Fest on Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Knickerbocker Arena on South Pearl Street in Albany.

The public will decide which local restaurant or bar will be this year's "king of wings" at the competition.

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To register a restaurant or a recipe in the contest, call 1-800-727-8785.

## Blood pressure tests available at town hall

The Town of Bethlehem will hold a February blood pressure screening on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall located at 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

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# BCMS teacher wins state DAR award

By Dev Tobin

Maryanne Malecki is qualified to be a principal, or even a superintendent, but her heart is with the 120 students she works with every day.

"The excitement of learning is in the classroom, and you can have the greatest influence there," said the Bethlehem Central Middle School social studies teacher who is a dissertation short of her doctorate.

Malecki has found that her eighth-grade students get excited about history when they use primary sources, like letters and courthouse records, rather than the usual secondary sources, like textbooks.

"After reading primary sources, kids become a part of the interpretive process, instead of just memorizing textbook interpretations," she said. "Using primary sources teaches kids to think, and they also remember it more."

Malecki's way of teaching history with primary documents has now won statewide recognition, as she has been named the New York State Outstanding Teacher of History by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

A year ago, Malecki spoke about her work to the Gen. Peter Gansevoort DAR chapter, whose regent, Johanna Shogan, is a BCMS colleague.

"She has a wonderful way of getting children to learn," said Patricia Stratton of Delmar, the chapter historian. "She's a fantastic teacher, and we felt she would be a very good nominee for the award."

BC social studies supervisor Dom DeCecco noted that Malecki's work "makes history come to life for students. Her archives work gives students much greater insight into what was go-



Maryanne Malecki

ing on in our area in the 18th and 19th centuries."

Malecki is co-author with Warren Stoker of a teaching packet on 19th-century immigration in Albany County that uses primary sources from the county Hall of Records.

This year, for another firsthand look at history, Malecki's students participated in a U.S. citizenship ceremony for 10 children at the school.

An example of how close reading of primary sources can alter students' conventional wisdom is the Emancipation Proclamation, Malecki explained.

"Most kids think that Lincoln freed the slaves, but after reading the Emancipation Proclamation, they learn that he didn't free any slaves in Union territory, and would have allowed Southern states to keep their slaves if they rejoined the Union," she said.

Last weekend's inclement weather forced a postponement of the Gansevoort chapter's ceremony honoring Malecki. It will now be held at the Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany on Sunday, March 5, at 1 p.m. For information, call Stratton at 439-3588.

## Students give Malecki an 'A'

As part of the application process for the DAR award, four Bethlehem Central High School students contributed their memories of Maryanne Malecki. Excerpts from their letters follow.

### 'Enthusiastic, energetic and enlightening'

"Ms. Maryanne Malecki was by far the most enthusiastic, energetic and enlightening teacher I have ever had. Even though I had her two years ago when I was in the eighth-grade, it seems as though I make use of something that she taught me every day — often when I'm watching *Jeopardy*. ... My class was the first ever to visit the Albany County Hall of Records, and this local trip made our end-of-year trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty much more enriching and meaningful."

Brad Einhorn

### 'Looked forward to her class'

"For me, history was boring and the class I dreaded the most, but I actually looked forward to her class because we were always doing something exciting. ... (For a Civil War unit,) we were to create a car/bus tour of historic sites, along with a tour guide that explained each. This project was probably the most involving I have ever worked on, and I knew everything about the Civil War, from the Battle of Chickamauga to the day Lincoln suspended habeas corpus, by the end of the project. Because of this creative assignment, I really understand what happened because I had to explain it in my own words."

Jessica Fern

### Classes create 'genuine curiosity'

"In previous years, I had taken social studies with very little enthusiasm or interest. ... When I entered Ms. Malecki's classroom, though, I had genuine curiosity about what I was learning and I always wanted to discuss points further. ... I plan on taking Advanced Placement American History next year. I have heard there is much information to be consumed in this class, but I doubt I could learn as much as I did with Ms. Malecki."

Brian Schwartz

### 'She taught us to understand'

"I, and many others in my class, not only learned many of the dates and facts we were required to learn, but also learned that history was fun. ... She taught in a way that required the students to memorize only the most important facts. She taught us to understand what we were learning and how to be able to figure out the information that we didn't know by using the facts we did know."

Amy Guzik



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## Matters of Opinion

### Offer door prizes?

In an effort to increase the percentage of registered voters (last year only 14.5

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per cent) who turn out to confront school budgets, Bethlehem Central Board of Education Superintendent Leslie Loomis is backing a proposal to increase the number of polling places from one to five.

We support the idea, as we have in the past. Under it residents would vote in their school district elementary school (Clarksville, Elsmere, Glenmont, Hamagrael or Slingerlands); last year everyone had to vote at the middle school.

The number of registered voters who in fact vote on school budgets peaked in 1985 at 4,374. Two years later it had dropped by almost half, to 2,247. The total has surpassed 3,000 only twice since, in 1988 and again in 1992. Last year only 2,472 out of 17,046 registered voters voted, with 1,311 supporting the budget. Students who were eligible to vote turned out in a higher percentage than adults (19.7 to 14.5). Of parents with preschool-age children only, a mere 3.5 per cent voted on funding the schools their children eventually will attend.

Some legal questions need answering (for instance, can voters register at the polling place when they come to vote) before the school board can approve the idea. But as budgets get more complicated and more expensive it seems to us any simplification of the voting procedure which stimulates participation should be adopted.

### Best friends

Science only recently has gotten its arms around a principal of human psychology we've known for quite a while: having a pet about can be beneficial to one's health.

The studies have measured changes in the physical and mental well-being of certain groups of people—those in nursing homes, those suffering from mental disturbances and those afflicted with terminal (and painful) illness. In most cases, patients who regularly spend time with a pet—even one just on loan for the occasion—show marked improvement in their attitude toward life.

And it's not hard to understand why. Dogs, cats and some other creatures kept as house pets (pigs, yes, but we're not sure about snakes or parakeets), couldn't care less about our socio-economic status. Nor do they inquire of our health, our age, our intelligence, our sexual preference-race-religion-politics-ethnicity or our beauty. They judge us only by the goodness they sense is inside. Finding it, they give us loyalty and love.

The poet Rod McKuen, mourning the death of his cat, said it had been "the only living thing to ever give love back to me." By which we think he meant, had given him affection simply for the man he was.

### That's enough, now

Remember the adage, be careful what you wish for, you just might get it? So who's the wiseguy who wanted snow?

Actually it is nice to see the white stuff again (though perhaps not in such quantity). It's pretty. And we did buy a snow shovel last November.

And business at the local body shops, ski shops, ski resorts, power equipment dealers, plowers, hardware stores and snow mobile dealerships has been slow. The skiers are frustrated. Towns have all that sand and gravel lying around and their overtime budgets are "underutilized." And snow suppresses the dust and stuff which raises havoc with allergies and asthma.

Now there's a reason to fill the bird feeder. We can put on our chains. That sick-green lawn is covered. There's ice skating, snow boarding, sledding with the grandkids to do and snowball fights to start. We can eat an icicle and build a snowman. The Weather Channel rediscovered the Northeast.

Anyway, it's winter and it's supposed to snow. Well, you wanted it and you got it.

But now it's our turn. And we want crocuses!

## Conversations and music in Russia

The writer of this Point of View is a junior at Bethlehem Central High School and a participant in the district's Lab School. She recently spent a semester living with a family in Russia.

By Megan Corneil

When I first told people I had been accepted as a foreign exchange student on a four-month program to Russia, the first question always asked of me was, inevitably, "Why Russia, of all places?" Even now, after I've returned to the States, I still have difficulty answering that question.



I can't remember there ever being a time when I didn't want to go to Russia. The country had always intrigued me because it was so different from anything I'd ever known or experienced. The different government and economic systems, the mere thought of going without! That's not something that most of us here in Delmar ever even need to think about.

I was immediately taken with the Russian people and culture. The thought that, in a country viewed by so much of the world as cold and harsh, not only in climate — through so many years of struggles difficult for most Ameri-

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cans to imagine — warmth, love, humor and tenderness have prevailed.

It was a lazy Sunday afternoon in late September, and my Russian host sister Yana and I were sitting in our room with the fan on and the balcony door open to try and keep cool, since the stifling heat that had been there when I arrived in August hadn't begun to show signs of letting up. We were successful only in moving the stuffy air from one side of the apartment to the other, not in cooling ourselves off.

The temperature was in the 90s every day and didn't seem to cool off at all at night when Yana and I slept together on the hide-a-bed. The fan was shut off at bedtime, and the heat was intense. I would lay awake in freshly ironed sheets that itched when my skin rubbed against them, listening to the sounds of the city that lay around me and Yana softly snoring. I thought about my friends and family in the States. I was still unaccustomed to the sounds of car horns and cats and dogs and the neighbors above us yelling. If only I had known how much I would miss those sounds once I got back to my small town and almost ri-

diculously gigantic house that echoes with silence late at night!

The two of us were sprawled out on the couch watching one of the Police Academy movies with a Russian dub-over when Papa walked in to ask if either of us was interested in going to his parents' apartment with him. Yana rolled her eyes and declined; she told me they were too old-fashioned for her. When I told her I didn't understand, she advised me to go along with Papa; I'd understand when I got there. Intrigued (and lured by the promise of air conditioning in Papa's car), I decided to go.

I was finally getting used to the elevator that squeaked and groaned and rattled the entire eight stories down. It could hold four or five people if you really packed them in and it smelled of sweat and cigarette smoke and beer. The walls were the kind of plastic that's supposed to look like wood and they were covered with the graffiti of lovers past and present. The floor was a strange shade of brown and was covered, as usual, with unidentified liquids that were better to not think about.

Three or four of the grandmothers who lived in the building sat on a park bench just to the left of the front steps of the apartment building every day, gossipping about anyone who happened to walk by,

□ CORNEIL/page 7

## Taxpayer frustration is understandable

Editor, The Spotlight:

The *Spotlight's* editorial of Feb. 1, "Some Civility Please", was nothing short of appalling. It lacked two things of great importance to establishing any credibility: recognition of the real story behind the meeting and any relationship to the truth.

The editorial calls for an apology to be given by the citizens of the town to our town board members. The truth is, the apology is owed to all of us who pay the bills for our town leaders' misguided largesse, known as the water system expansion. No matter what the end result, the taxpayers will

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pay this bill for many years to come.

The people of this town have been lied to for a year. Therefore, anger on the part of town residents is certainly justified.

What could explain the town leaders' reaction to the last meeting? Being caught in a year-old lie by a group of town residents might do it. The editorial reference to politics as the motivation (at least for Clearwater members) is clearly wrong. Clearwater for Bethlehem,

and in particular those who spoke at the meeting, is a cross section of political affiliations, gender, age and income level. Can that be said about our town board?

The town board is realizing that they are losing this issue. Their behavior is expected. Our water supply has long range health implications which are much greater than any political ramifications. Politicians in power might not see it that way.

The *Spotlight* should, because it is an independent community newspaper.

Joseph A. Glazer

Delmar

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**Corneil**

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all the while keeping a watchful eye on their grandchildren playing nearby.

I smiled and said hello to the grandmothers and their grandchildren as we walked past, and they smiled and commented about the weather, speaking very slowly in case I didn't understand. When I answered back, their faces burst into smiles and laughter, and they began talking to me at the speed of light, at which point I didn't understand a word they were saying. I smiled and nodded my way out of it and followed Papa to the car, pausing to turn when one of the little children yelled, "Good morning!" in English. She ran away giggling when I smiled to show that I understood.

Our car was parked out front, a Russian-made Lada in which the only things that consistently worked were the radio and the air conditioning. I turned the radio on as soon as I sat down. Papa and I shared the same musical tastes, the Beatles, Creedence Clearwater Revival, the Rolling Stones and the like. He had been shocked to find out that I listened to the same music as he did. As I began to sing along, he laughed and told me I was a strange girl for liking old music. I asked him jokingly if he thought I might like his parents and their old ways, too, but he shook his head and replied that their old ways were much older than this music.

The combination of the air conditioning and kicking the seat back put me right to sleep, and when Papa woke me we were at his parents' apartment. An old woman stood up and walked away from the bench where she was sitting and chatting with her friends. Papa told me that she was my Russian grandmother. She walked over to me with a beaming smile filled with golden teeth and gave me a huge hug and a kiss, then asked my name. I told her I was Maggie, Sasha's American host daughter. (My real name is Megan, but everyone seemed to have a great deal of difficulty pronouncing it and my Russian father quickly renamed me Maggie, which was much easier for them to say.) She gave me another hug for being able to say something in Russian.

Their apartment was on the fifth floor of a building with no elevator, and I was severely winded by the time we reached the top. The stairs were made of concrete and there were holes worn through where you could look down and see the flight of stairs below you. Papa bounded up the stairs two at a time, telling me that he had lived in this building for 23 years, and he had gone up and down those stairs at least twice every day. Babushka (Ba-bush-ka is the Russian word for grandmother) laughed at him and said that that was a long time ago. He wasn't a boy anymore; now he was old and flabby.

We took our shoes off in the front hall, an old Russian custom, and Papa and I sat on the couch while Babushka went to the

kitchen to get us something to eat. There was no ceiling light and it took my eyes a few seconds to adjust to the darkness. The drapes were drawn on the window to block out the blazing sunlight. A small air conditioner sat in the window, and the room felt refreshingly cool. One wall was covered by a big bookshelf cluttered with knickknacks, small religious icons, and a few photos.

**As I looked around the room at them, the people, the culture and the country were mine and I was a part of them.**

Babushka came in and saw me looking at some of the pictures, so she led me over and explained who all the people were — mostly relatives; my Russian aunt, uncle, cousins as well as a few family friends, some of whom I had already met. The wall that faced the couch was one of the "photo walls" that were popular; it was a scenic nature photo that was blown up to the size of an entire wall and printed on wallpaper. The couch itself was so soft that I contemplated how I would manage to get out of it when it was time to leave.

Before long the door opened and my dyedushka (DEEYEH-dush-ka (grandfather) and uncle walked in. They introduced themselves to me and changed into their house slippers while the smell of Babushka's cabbage pancakes drifted in. My mouth began watering.

Dyedushka had been installing floors all day and my uncle Andrey had gone along to help. I sat quietly, listening to Papa, Andrey and Dyedushka discuss the day's work while Babushka yelled a few comments now and then from the kitchen. She brought in a bottle of wine along with some glasses, the cabbage pancakes that had been tantalizing my taste buds, a fresh loaf of bread with cheese and sausages and a mixture of ground up horse radishes and beets, all of which she presented proudly on a small coffee table that had been rolled out of the corner.

Some stools were brought in from the kitchen for her and Andrey, and we all began to eat. Babushka began asking Papa if Vicka, my Russian mother, was feeding me enough; I looked much too skinny and unhealthy to her. He assured her that I was given plenty to eat, I just hadn't developed a "Russian appetite" yet. Babushka watched me eat for a minute, then asked me, almost shyly, if I liked Russian foods. She wasn't quite sure how much I understood, so she acted out what she was saying by pointing to the food on my plate, then patting her stomach and giving the thumbs-up sign. I smiled and mumbled "Da" through a mouthful of cabbage.

Dyedushka tried to ask me something, but I couldn't understand some of the verbs he used. He turned to Andrey and told him to ask me in French; if English and French are both Romance languages, I should probably under-

stand. I had to laugh at that, and they looked surprised that I knew what they had said.

My grandparents seemed a bit nervous around me, unsure of how to act around this young American. For lack of a better idea, they turned on MTV, pretty sure I would like that. Papa told them that, yes, she likes music very much, and likes to play guitar as well. At this they brightened up considerably and Babushka ran into the other room to get out the family guitar and a strangely shaped stringed instrument a little bit shorter than the guitar but with a triangular base and only three strings. Curious, I asked about it, and Uncle Andrey explained that it was a balalaika, a traditional Russian instrument. Babushka told me that it was a world-wide symbol of the Russian people, to which Dyedushka replied that a bottle of vodka was probably much more accurate, and we all laughed along with him.

I was handed the guitar and asked to play a song, but I bashfully passed it along to Papa, explaining that I wasn't very good. He smiled, quickly tuned it, and broke into *Have You Ever Seen The Rain* by Creedence Clearwater Revival. A few bars into it, he stopped and told me to sing along,

since none of them knew the words. I began singing very softly, knowing that my singing abilities aren't exactly astounding. Dyedushka said, teasingly, that I needed to sing louder since the old people couldn't hear anymore. A crimson blush crept across my face and I smiled shyly, but kept my volume at the same level.

Papa played some more CCR songs and, of course, the requisite Beatles song or two before passing it along to Uncle Andrey. Andrey is not an attractive man by most people's standards. His nose seems a bit too large and crooked on his long, narrow face; his hair has a tendency to stick out in every direction, and he looks very tall and gangly. But the moment he held that guitar in his arms and strummed the first chord, he seemed to glow with a sort of inner beauty that I'd never seen before.

Andrey wasn't merely playing the music. Rather, he was a part of the music. His voice and the chords seemed to be interwoven, the melody and harmony dancing around us before finally falling on our anticipating ears. The entire apartment was silent, mesmerized by the beautiful strain. As he began the next song, however, the room sprung to life as Babushka, Dyedushka and Papa began clapping in rhythm and singing along

with a traditional Russian song. They sang loudly, a bit out of tune, and they didn't always agree on the words — but they weren't singing for anyone else. They sang because the music let them express themselves. Their facial expressions alone told me how deeply the lyrics spoke to them.

They sang and drank and smoked and laughed — and even cried when a song was sung about the Cossacks and the struggles they have faced. All three men are Cossacks, bands of freemen who roamed the steppe north of the Black Sea from the early 15th century. The Cossacks have a very strong ethnic history which contains many years of war and oppression that are not forgotten. In Andrey's songs there was peace, joy, laughter and a touch of sadness at times. But somehow, through the music, even if only for a few moments, all was right with the world. And as I looked around the room at them, the people, the culture and the country were mine and I was a part of them. I stopped and thought of the people in America who had said, "How can you go there?" ... and I wondered how I could ever leave.

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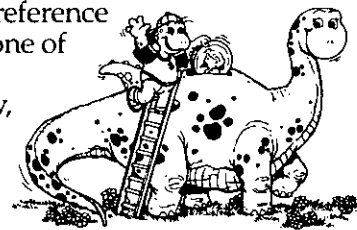
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**No issues? Let's appoint**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Like many of your readers I was saddened to read about the upcoming retirement of Ken Hahn.

Ken has served our community well for several decades as Receiver of Taxes. He has our gratitude and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

This might well be an opportune time to ask why Ken's office and that of the Superintendent of Highways and Town Clerk are filled by election. Candidates for supervisor and the town board campaign on the issues and then

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the voters decide. But how can the voters decide on the qualifications of the candidates for these other three offices? Those candidates hardly ever or never campaign.

It would be a step for more accountable government if these positions were filled by the Town Board, to whom the appointees would be accountable.

*Bertold E. Weinberg*

Elsmere

**Spotlight letter-writers repeat**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to commend *The Spotlight* for the Feb. 1, editorial chastising some members of the Clearwater group for their unseemly conduct during a recent town board meeting. It was long overdue.

It appears that the Clearwater advocates are in dire need of learning how to disagree without being disagreeable. Perhaps instead of relying on invective instead of reason, they might actually consider debating their ideas on the merits.

I have to wonder how much *The Spotlight* has contributed to the rising spirit of incivility in our

community by its apparent willingness to turn over a part of each week's issue to the same members of the same group trumpeting the same message.

I know of no other newspaper that would allow itself to be used in such a manner.

With these unruly incidents at public forums becoming more commonplace, perhaps it might be prudent for *The Spotlight* to take a moment and review its present policy regarding Letters to the Editor.

Bethlehem cannot be allowed to fall into mobocratic rule.

*Heidi L. Lewis*

Delmar

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Editor, The Spotlight:

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Editor, The Spotlight:

I'm glad to see the issue of free speech is not one you object to, made obvious by *The Spotlight* editorial of February 1

I agree that some of the members of Clearwater became overly emotional over questions to which they could not receive straight answers. After a year of "negotiations" between the board and Clearwater the answers are still the same. Clearwater asks, the town board hedges.

I was at the meeting "casting up the specter of deformed babies." Because a person has a concern that what the government says isn't always what's best, it makes them a politician instead of a concerned citizen. Well, I believe *The Spotlight* is the politician and is playing the hand of the town board.

Shelia Fuller's negotiations with Albany are only one drop in

the barrel of many questions she has been avoiding. For instance: How much will it cost to run this new water plant once construction is completed? Ms Fuller didn't know. How can you state the town will save money when you don't know how much it will cost? That's just one of many.

When I stated at the meeting that I was an "educated person," I didn't mention my nursing degree or the fact that I work for a well-known immunologist. I am highly sensitive to the chemical contaminant issue and stick by my belief that if the town cannot guarantee that 20 years from now my grandchildren won't be a negative statistic of this new system, my family will not drink the water, in my home or in places of business, in the Town of Bethlehem.

JoAnn Walsh

Selkirk

**Clearwater speaks for itself, not all of Bethlehem**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Members of the group calling itself "Clearwater for Bethlehem" have the right to express their opinions, and they do so frequently and vociferously. Nevertheless, I trust that our Town Board realizes that they hardly speak for the whole town. And I hope that anyone who has read only the most recent issue of *The Spotlight*, with numerous letters and quotes from members of that group, has not been misled. Once again, I'm afraid, a few points in response.

Those who are worried about drinking—and otherwise using—Hudson River water, may allay their fears. Quite simply and clearly, the aquifer water is *not* Hudson River water. Reports that long have been on file at the library may be lengthy and technical, but it is not difficult to find the sections that describe how and why the characteristics and quality of the aquifer water are entirely different than the river water. In fact, there are fewer impurities in the aquifer water than in Alcove Reservoir water.

Those who continue to maintain that this process was undertaken "without input from town residents" are most puzzling, unless perhaps they are new residents. The process has been open and public, with repeated media coverage, from the beginning. Opposition to the new water supply was voiced after-the-fact. The failure of members of the public, to pay attention and to express opinions while a decision is being made, hardly constitutes a "cavalier attitude" on the part of the Town Board. I have been very impressed with the respect and time our Supervisor and Board have given to opponents, as well as to other townspeople.

I found it interesting to read that "Albany is willing to sell us all the water we need for the same rate it charges its own residential

users." That might now be the case and may be the reason Mrs. Fuller is continuing discussions with Mr. Jennings. It was not previously the case. The impetus for Bethlehem to explore alternative water sources was because Albany would not sell us water at residential rates. Changing their minds when we are about to no longer need them is politically and fiscally wise, if true, but doesn't necessarily require our backtracking three years.

And then, there are those who say or imply that we cannot trust town officials in regards to testing the water. Ultimately, there is no answer to this. Those of us who know our town officials know them to be decent, intelligent and honest people. But anyone who chooses the path of disbelief and mistrust will not be swayed by logic; that is their choice.

Christine S. Deys

Delmar

**Town should require bond on water system**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Elected officials, consultants and equipment manufacturers responded to the *Spotlight* article by Mr. Kelleher which raised concerns about the quality and treatment of our new water source. A recent town's newsletter failed to quell citizens concerns. Our concerns are cost, health effects and degrading or the quality of life in Bethlehem.

A 1992 Cogen report to DEC projected average daily water use of 1.53 MGD. Cogen guarantees to purchase from Bethlehem a minimum of 1.6 MGD. Bethlehem projected the revenue from Cogen to be based on 2.4 MGD or 50 percent more than the guaranteed purchase. This represents a \$0.5 million annual shortfall. When Bethlehem is "locked into" a 10 year agreement, who picks up the shortfall? Our residential users.

It is blatant misrepresentation to state that our new source will be pure and equal or better than the present supply.

The State Health Department, the State Conservation Department and USEPA have identified significant organic contamination of the Hudson River bottom sediments. Officials and consultants recognize that the infiltration gallery will be recharged from the Hudson. River water must pass through the grossly polluted bottom sediments.

Sampling results confirm organic pollution entering these called "wells" which is actually an infiltration gallery. The data shows high concentrations of iron, manganese, ammonia and other contaminants. The ammonia which indicates human pollution exceeds the DEC standard of 2.0 ppm for a "GA" ground water source. No sanitary survey was made.

The consultants propose chlorine as a disinfectant. Chlorine when added to a water with ammonia produces chloramines. Chloramines are presently unregulated but are of concern to individuals consum-

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ing water and are undergoing dialysis.

A consultants report indicates that between one and three tons of chemicals including chlorine will be used daily to treat the raw water. The added sodium will exceed the 20 ppm limit for individuals on a severely restricted sodium diet. Thus chloramines and sodium will be of concern to many water users.

A consultants letter to the *Spotlight* indicated that a pilot plant study was conducted on aquifer water. There was no pilot plant study, but a pilot study with jar tests and filtration through a paper filter to simulate the plant operation.

The lab results further show that manganese will exceed 50 ppb which can lead to staining of clothes and blackening of bathroom fixtures. The UPEPA has established a secondary standard of 50 ppb for manganese.

The Town plans to treat a contaminated water of variable quality in a fully automated package water treatment plant operated by

two underpaid operators. The projected average annual salary will be \$30,000 including fringes.

The Town overestimated the water revenues from Cogen and proposed a package type water treatment plant instead of a conventional plant to treat an inferior raw water of variable quality. Bethlehem's 1995 budget fails to identify the costs to operate the new treatment plant. I wonder why?

Purchase of Albany water at \$1.66 per 1000 gallons would have been a bargain compared to what it will eventually cost the taxpayer for this \$28 million adventure.

It is likely that today's officials may not be around in a few years.

In order to protect the taxpayers interests a performance bond or other acceptable financial arrangement should be required in case of failure of the process equipment or the ability to meet the projected claims of an excellent finished water quality. The term excellent should be defined and cost of any needed additions to meet the "excellent standard" should not have to be borne by our taxpayers.

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# Pagano Weber anchored in Delmar 75 years

By Mel Hyman

In the highly competitive real estate business, Bill and Fred Weber, owners of Pagano Weber, Inc. on 264 Delaware Ave. in Delmar believe they have at least one advantage that some of their competitors don't.

As a result of living and working in the town for the past 50 years, they know it — the Tri-Village area at least — through and through.

"We could walk through most any area (in Delmar) and tell you who built the homes," said Fred Weber.

But that's not all that surprising given that the brothers have been custom home builders in town since 1954.

They are phasing out that part of the business, however, and are now focusing their efforts almost exclusively on real estate.

Pagano Weber, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, has been a local mainstay for as long as anyone can remember. The Weber brothers took over the firm in 1973 upon the retirement of William Pagano and decided to retain the Pagano name because of its long association with excellence and forthrightness.

Bill Weber, in particular, is familiar with the town from his 20-year stint on the town planning board (1961-80). From 1976 to 1980, Bill served as planning board chairman.

To say that the local area has changed in the last 50 years would certainly be an understatement,

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Fred Weber and his brother Bill carry on a 75-year-old tradition of service at Pagano-Weber Real Estate. *Doug Persons*

according to Fred. "When we moved here, there was one traffic light in Delmar and no stop signs. You had a police department consisting of one constable."

Change doesn't necessarily always mean progress, however,

Fred noted. "We did have one movie theater," he recalled, at 333 Delaware Ave., where the Tri-Village hardware store was located until last year's fire. Currently, there are no theaters in town.

Movie houses or not, Bethlehem remains a highly-desirable community in which to live and own property. "We might have our problems, but we are blessed because of lot of the actions the town took in the '40s, '50s and '60s with respect to zoning, development and engineering standards," Fred said.

Essentially, town engineers like Al Worth did an excellent job of laying out the subdivisions in Delmar and Elsmere and in designing drainage systems, Fred said. Traffic is certainly a problem, but "the bottom line is that the town was way ahead of its time" as far as designing sewage systems, roadways and making builders and developers adhere to strict standards.

Besides the fact that people are attracted to the sense of community they find in Bethlehem, the sensible layout of homes and a solid infrastructure is a real plus for potential homeowners.

Even though they have been in the construction and real estate business for more than 40 years, neither of the Webers has any intention of retiring or even slowing down. "We intend to continue the business in a very vigorous way," Fred said.

In addition to managing a large staff of sales associates, the Weber brothers also participate in Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce activities and oversee the cleanup of Delaware Avenue three or four times a year as part of the federal Adopt-a-Highway program.

### Senior talk to focus on second careers

Maria Colbert, coordinator for the Senior Services of Albany's Second Career Program, will present "Retirement: Just the Beginning" on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Colbert will discuss exploring volunteer, educational, recreational and leisure activities in the community.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.

### Welcome wagon lays plans for smorgasbord

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will host its annual smorgasbord dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Delmar Reformed Church at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Music will be provided by the West Bayberry Wind Quintet. Guest speaker will be Patricia Dale of the Albany Institute of History and Art.

The RSVP deadline is Feb. 10. For information, contact Lisa Hancock at 439-2738.

### Caregivers to meet at Delmar church

A support group for caregivers will meet on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church located at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

New members are welcome. For information, call the church at 439-9929.

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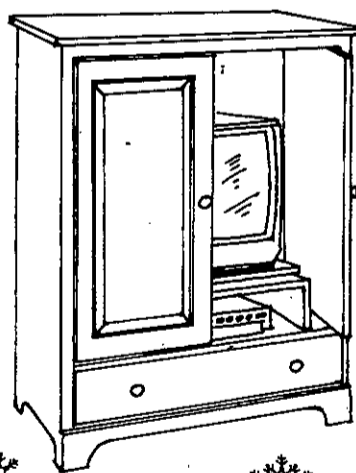
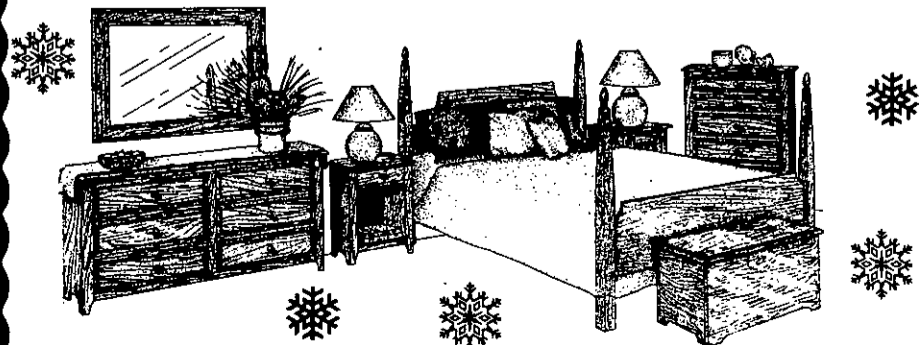
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# Local Scout earns Eagle award

Robert Miller of North Bethlehem recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Miller of Troop 24 received the honor at a ceremony sponsored by the Guilderland Elks.

Guests included Albany County Legislator Frank Comisso, members of the Guilderland Elks and the North Bethlehem Fire Department. Miller family members from as far away as Watertown and Virginia also attended.

Miller is a member of the Order of the Arrow and a junior assistant Scoutmaster.

He is an honor student in his third year at Guilderland High School. He is an active member of the North Bethlehem Fire Department - the fourth generation of his family to serve in the department. His great-grandfather founded the department.

For his Eagle service project, Miller worked closely with firefighters and Troop members to have all the fire hydrants in the district adopted by people that live nearby.

Miller's father Paul presented the award.



Eagle Scout Robert Miller and Albany County Legislator Frank Comisso.

# Methodist women plan Chinese auction Feb. 17

On Friday, Feb. 17, the United Methodist Women of the South Bethlehem Methodist Church will conduct a Chinese auction at the church hall on Willowbrook Avenue.

Mildred Bitig and Dorothy Percival are cochairwomen.

Numerous items are up for bid. The auction begins at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call 767-9953.

## Church to dish up Friday suppers

The first of the Rev. Richard Reynolds' Friday meals will be on Feb. 10 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue.

Chicken and bisquits, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, cranberry sauce, a beverage and dessert will be served.

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## Workshop to kick off arts potpourri

The 1995 Arts Potpourri at the RCS Community Library kicks off on Wednesday, Feb. 22, with the Vacation-Art workshop.

The workshop is a book-making collaboration led by Nancy Andell, artist and teacher.

Kids, age 10 to 14, will create pages for a Big Book of Our Twons that includes people, activities and places throughout the district. A list of ideas is available at the library.

## Grace United lists schedule of events

Grace United Methodist Church at 16 Hillcrest Drive in Ravena has announced its schedule of events for the week of Feb. 9.

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the junior choir will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. The chancel choir will rehearse at 7 p.m. and Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 12, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. Morning worship will commence at 10:30 a.m., to be followed by coffee and fellowship at 11:30 a.m. Confirmation class is set for 2 p.m., and the Grace Ringers will rehearse at 7 p.m.

On Monday, Feb. 13, Alcoholics Anonymous will meet again at 7 p.m., and the Widowed Persons Support Group will get together at 7:30 p.m.

The TOPS Club will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Al Anon will meet at 7 p.m. and Bible study will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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# Boy Scouts to dish up pancake supper

Boy Scout Troop 73 will serve its 22nd annual pancake supper on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Special congratulations are in order for the Troop as it enters its 75th year.

## Public hearing set on zoning revisions

A public hearing on proposed revisions to new Scotland's zoning law is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. at town hall.

Following the hearing, the town board is expected to vote on the amendment.

The board's regular meeting will be at 6:30 p.m.

## Chamber ensembles to perform at school

The Voorheesville school music department will present an evening of chamber ensembles on

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Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The concert will feature small group ensembles under the direction of Michael Tebbano, Margaret Dorgan and Lydia Tobler.

Everyone is invited to this free concert.

## Moratorium topic of public hearing

The Voorheesville board of trustees has scheduled a public hearing on a proposed four-month moratorium on approval of any lots using raised-bed septic systems for Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. at the village hall.

Following the hearing, the board is expected to enact the moratorium.

## PTA seeking festival volunteers

The PTA will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school library.

In preparation for its Winter Festival on Saturday, March 4, the PTA is seeking prizes for a Chinese raffle and contributions toward the purchase of a grand prize.

To donate items for the raffle, call Carol Cillis at 765-3186, Sharon Cillis at 765-4538 or Carole Davis at 765-3669 before Saturday, Feb. 25.

To volunteer to work on the festival, call Martha Mackey at 765-4434 or Patty Joyce at 765-3162.

## Continuing ed registration slated Feb. 13 and 15

In-person registration for spring continuing education classes will be Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 13 and 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Mail registration ends Feb. 25. Classes begin on Monday, Feb. 27.

Highlights include craft workshops and recreational sports programs.

For information, call 765-3314 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## School board to meet

The school board's regular meeting is on Monday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group in-

struction room at the high school.

## V'ville expands recycling

The village of Voorheesville has expanded its recycling program to include metal tops from jars and all plastics with a recycling logo.

All recyclables must be placed curbside in an approved plastic bin bearing a village of Voorheesville imprint.

## Planners to meet

The New Scotland Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. at town hall.

## Kiwanis schedule blood pressure clinic

The blood pressure clinic sponsored by the New Scotland Kiwanis Club is on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

## Tax help is available at V'ville library

Senior citizens in need of assistance with their income tax forms can find competent and confidential help at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, on selected dates.

Seniors can schedule appointments between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Feb. 15, March 1, 15 and 29, and April 5. Bring tax forms and receipts, income statements and last year's tax returns to the library.

## Clearwater hosting speaker at library

Clearwater for Bethlehem is sponsoring a presentation at the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m.

The featured speaker is Nonna Schtipelman, environmental associate of Clearwater, Inc. of Poughkeepsie. She will speak on PCBs from the Hudson River, and disposal methods and the impact on communities along the river.

Schtipelman will also discuss industrial chemical contamination of the river.

The public is welcome to the free program.

For information, call 439-7573.

## Teen time slated at area court

Saturday nights at Southwood Tennis Club have been set aside for local teenagers.

This month and in March, middle and high school teens are welcome to participate in a program run by the Delmar Tennis Academy.

Round robin tennis matches, followed by a fitness workout and a party to top off the evening are featured in the program.

Beginners to advanced players are welcome to attend the program that will be supervised by a tennis pro.

Registration is required. For information, call Linda Burtis at 427-1134. There will be a modest fee to participate.

## Crisafulli to be listed in Who's Who edition

Noelle D. Crisafulli of Voorheesville has been selected to appear in the 1994-95 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Crisafulli is a junior physical therapy major at Russell Sage College in Troy.

Selection was based on a number of criteria, including academic achievement, community service, leadership and potential for continued success.

## Quilters gearing up for vendors' fair

Quilters United in Learning Together (QUILT) will meet Friday, Feb. 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

Part of the meeting will be spent planning for the upcoming vendors' fair.

For information, contact Stella Muzicka at 283-0522.

## Parsons center slates foster parents session

An orientation session for adults interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, at Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Road, Albany.

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# Pain control program scheduled Feb. 13

Learn innovative approaches to controlling chronic pain, stress, tension, depression and anxiety at "Pain Control: Physical Therapy and Its Alternatives," at the library on Monday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

Adelphi University and is certified by New York state.

The library's Health Information Center provides information on conventional as well as alternative health-care so users can make informed choices.

The center resources include *Alternative Healing: The Complete A-Z Guide to Over 160 Different Alternative Therapies* and *Alternative Medicine: The Definitive Guide*, which explains more than 350 available treatments.

The library's Book Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss James Joyce's short story *The Dead*.

The group meets the third Tuesday of each month, September through May, at 7:30 p.m. in the adult lounge. New members are always welcome. Call the reference desk to reserve a copy of the current title.

Maria Colbert, Senior Services of Albany's second-career coordinator, will present a program on "Retirement: Just the Beginning" on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m.

She will discuss options to consider when planning for retirement, such as returning to the work force, or exploring volunteer, educational, recreational and leisure activities in the community. Call the library to register.

Anna Jane Abaray

## Clearwater meeting

Clearwater for Bethlehem is hosting a meeting featuring Supervisor Sheila Fuller on Monday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

A panel will ask questions about the new town water project.

The meeting will be at the Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue.

For information, call 439-7573.

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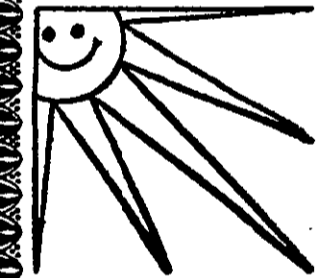
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Register by calling the reference desk at 439-9314.

Licensed physical therapist Michele N. Keleher has operated Delmar Physical Therapy Associates since 1987.

In addition to conventional rehabilitation, she uses manipulation, muscle energy techniques, and craniosacral therapy for pain relief.

In recent years, Keleher has expanded her services to include other practitioners who share her whole-person health care approach.

Keleher's associates include acupuncturist Donna Reynolds, a 1986 graduate of the New England School of Acupuncture in Boston. She is licensed to practice in New York and Massachusetts and holds a diploma from the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture.

Timothy Console offers two types of therapy. He is a Kripalu-certified bodyworker, one of many available styles of therapeutic massage, with origins in both Eastern and Western traditions. He also offers soundwave biofeedback therapy.

Clinical social worker Lee F. Jamison holds a master's from



## Batting 1,000

Five families have completed reading 1,000 books with their preschoolers in the Bethlehem Central 1000 Book Child Project. Family members, standing left to right, include Sara Mallot with her mother Ellie; Cathy Niehaus with son Kyle; Carol and Tony Latham; Michael, Mike, Doris and Elizabeth Walker; on table, Lauren, Josh and Justin Finkle; Matt Latham, behind Justin; Dennis Mallot and Billy Walker; and seated in front, Kevin Niehaus.

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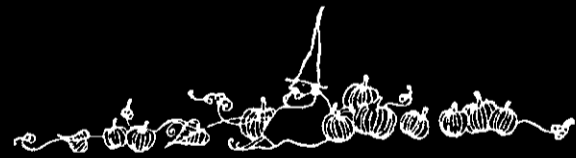
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# Women artists topic of program

Mildred Zimmermann will present *Women in Art: 40 Years of Painting* tonight, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. in the community room. The slide retrospective will explore the contribution of women artists since the time of the great masters.



Zimmermann is a popular area speaker who draws on her extensive travel experience in her presentations on a wide variety of art topics.

She contributes her services through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of the Capital District.

The annual Valentine Heartline

Create a Card program will be on Saturday, Feb. 11, from noon to 2 p.m. under the guidance of Barbara Meilinger and Meg Seiberger Hughes, youth services librarian.

In addition to making a Valentine for the heartline box, you can participate in the make one — eat one Valentine cookie decorating fest.

The cookies and the cards will be delivered to people in local hospitals and nursing homes. If you can't attend, you can still make a card at home and drop it off in the heartline box in the children's area. The deadline is Saturday, Feb. 11.

The Friends of the Library invite community members to submit an idea for a Friends logo to be used on its stationery and for promotional activities. Black and white drawings can be dropped off

at the circulation desk. Drawings should be a minimum size of 12 by 12 inches, and the copy that is selected will have to be made available in camera-ready form.

The words Friends of the Library or FOL may or may not be incorporated in the design.

The contest ends on Friday, March 31, and is open to all school district residents. For information, call Lydia Cacace at 765-4162.

The Creativity Workshop with Chris Muia has been extended throughout the month. The group will meet on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. New participants are welcome.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets will meet on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

Barbara Vink

## Bethlehem Recycling Corner

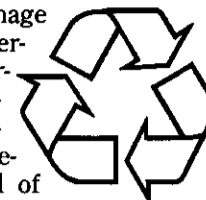
By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

Every day more than 138,000 New Yorkers with diabetes use syringes for insulin injection. Lancets are also used to prick a finger for daily blood glucose testing.

Individuals who manage their care at home generate millions of used syringes and lancets, commonly known as household sharps. These materials must be disposed of properly.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Health offer the following tips on how to contain household sharps safely in the home as well as the proper way to dispose of the medical waste.

- Use a puncture proof plastic container with a tight fitting screw top. Bleach or detergent bottles are good receptacles. Do not use a glass bottle that could break or a coffee can because the plastic lid can be easily removed.
- Label the container clearly. Write "contains sharps" with a magic marker on the container.
- Place a syringe or lancet in the container immediately after it is used.
- Screw the top of the container on tightly when it is filled and seal it with heavy-duty tape as an extra precaution.



State law allows disposal of household sharps along with the household trash. Do not put the sharps container out with recyclables. Sharps are not recyclable.

The Albany Medical Center Hospital is conducting a free sharps program for Albany County residents through June 24.

The pilot project will study the feasibility and most effective way of implementing a new state law that will require all hospitals to accept sharps for disposal as of July 1.

Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. filled containers of syringes and lancets can be dropped off at the back of the E Building at the hospital. Signs off Myrtle Avenue will be posted to direct people to the waste-handling facility.

A hospital representative will accept your sharps container and give you an empty approved box for future disposal.

The containers are normally \$3, are available for free for the program at Fay's, CVS, Revco and pharmacies in Albany County only at Walmart, Shop 'n Save and Price Chopper.

For information on the program, call 262-8000.

## Alzheimer's chapter receives award

The Northeastern New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association was recently honored with an Eleanor Roosevelt Community Service Award for 1994.

The chapter was recognized for engaging volunteers in promoting creative ways of addressing pressing community needs.

Former First Lady Matilda Cuomo presented the award during a ceremony in Albany in December.

The award was established in 1984 on what would have been Roosevelt's 100th birthday to recognize her many accomplishments in service to the people of the state and country.

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## ***Some greyhounds get by with help from friends***

By Susan Graves

Some people might call Pat Colitsas an easy touch. Others are more likely to refer to her as a saint. Either way, Colitsas has an affinity for the touch of grey or, more specifically, the

touch of greyhounds that she rescues.

"I never meant to get involved," said Colitsas, who now devotes much of her time to caring for the dogs who, without the help

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# Friends

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of the non-profit group Greyhound Friends Inc., would be destroyed.

Racing greyhounds, bred for speeds of up to 50 miles an hour, have a short track life. And, once the animal stops winning, it is killed. Before the Greyhound Friends began working to save the dogs, thousands were slaughtered on a yearly basis. In 1988, an estimated 50,000 greyhounds were killed at the end of their racing careers at the 45 tracks in the United States, according to Colitsas, who got involved with the Greyhound Friends two years ago.

Today, 50,000 greyhounds continue to be retired from the track every year, and many thousands are still destroyed.

For Colitsas, "It all started when I saw a program, National Geographic, I think — an expose on greyhounds," and what happened to them when they stopped racing.

Given her love for animals and her pets at the time — two horses, a pony, two goats, five cats and six dogs — what could one more animal mean? said Colitsas. Space was no problem, she added, because she chose her home on Delaware Turnpike in Clarksville



Sassy is 2-years-old and needs a loving home.

to be able to care for her four-footed brood. "I love animals, that's why I bought this place," she said.

As it turned out, the one greyhound was just the beginning. Colitsas now has two of her own (Sherlock and Missy) and is housing four more who are up for adoption. "They're carrying a lot of baggage," she said of the greyhounds, "but I don't look at the atrocities. I just want to save one dog at a time."

"I really became connected with this group (Greyhound Friends), and by then I was hooked," she said.

Colitsas gets most of the greyhounds from a holding kennel in Hinsdale, N.H., which houses up to about 70 animals. The dogs in the kennel are cared for by Norm

Dupont, a friend of the Greyhound Friends. Most of the dogs are between 2 and 3 years old, and most have lived in a small crate for as long as they have been alive.

But for the dogs fortunate enough to be rescued by the Greyhound Friends, life takes on new meaning. Members of the group, who are all volunteers, take the dogs into their homes and keep them until the animals are adopted.

Colitsas and Nancy Roviario of Nassau, who serves the Rensselaer-Columbia County area, usually bring between six and eight dogs to their homes. When they arrive, Colitsas said, the animals are bathed and given a flea and tick dip. They are then put into a large crate with blankets, comforters, food and a toy.

"They get to run free at least four times a day and are fed twice a day. They usually have a bed pillow and teddy bear in their crates because they like them," Colitsas said.

Once the dogs are acclimated to their temporary homes, they are taken to Dr. Richard Drumm in Schodack to be altered or spayed. The animals are also brought up to date on their shots and, if necessary, their teeth are cleaned.

To help cover the cost of the greyhound's care, a \$150 donation is required at the time of the adoption. So far, Drumm is the only local veterinarian providing medical service that is affordable Greyhound Friends. Colitsas and other volunteers pay for the animals' food and other supplies.

"These dogs are really babied while we have them. Every attention to their needs, real or imagined by us, is addressed," Colitsas said.

She welcomes visitors to her home and has adoption applications for those who might want to share their home with a greyhound, whose life expectancy is about 15 years. But there most definitely is a catch to adopting one of the fastest breeds of dog: "Save one greyhound and you will want to help save another," Colitsas said.

An upcoming adoption clinic will provide an opportunity to meet some of the greyhounds. The clinic is set for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pets 'n More on Wolf Road in Colonie.

Greyhound Friends is also planning to participate in a fund-raiser in conjunction with Whiskers, a shelter for homeless cats. The event, called Singles Night for Animal Lovers, is scheduled on Thursday, March 2, at 5 p.m. at the Cranberry Bog on Wolf Road.

Greyhound Friends Inc. is a new branch of the non-profit organization in New York.

For information about the greyhounds, call Colitsas at 768-2579.



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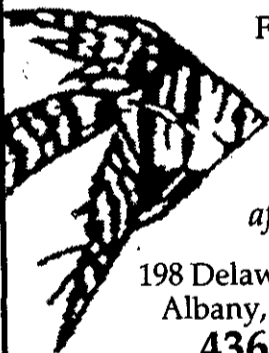
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# Animal control officers serve communities well

By Phil Gara

For generations, the public referred to the men and women who retrieved stray animals from populated areas as the dog catcher or warden.

The connotation, especially for children, was that of cruelty, meanness, disregard for the feelings of either the distressed animals, or the people who owned them. Much of this negative feeling may well have been prompted by the exposure to films, cartoons and stories about these individuals.

It is only in the last few decades that men and women who work in the field have been granted the recognition that they so richly deserve. No longer are these dedicated people viewed as the "bad guys" who sneak around corners intent on capturing defenseless dogs, cats, puppies and kittens.

The animal control officers who serve the needs of the public are now respected for their professionalism.

Within the boundaries of Colonie there is an animal shelter that handles the thousands of canines and felines that are lost, stolen, injured, killed or merely neglected, free to roam our streets and highways.

The shelter, just off Broadway on Oakwood Avenue in Menands, has been serving the area for more than 100 years.

The Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society was actually founded in the city of Troy, and later became the haven for stray animals from Albany.

In Colonie, the Animal Control Unit is staffed by an animal control supervisor, two full-time officers, five part-time control officers and one secretary/dispatcher.

Three specially equipped vans enable these officers to patrol the town for the purpose of enforcing



Animal control officers are ready to respond to calls in all kinds of weather.

Doug Persons

local and state laws pertaining to both domestic animals and the many species of wildlife that inhabit the town.

Some of the responsibilities of this unit include the apprehension of dogs running at large, transporting injured animals to a veterinary facility, and in the investigation of cases of animal abuse, dog bites and rabies.

An example of some of the activities of this unit for last year consisted of the following: barking dogs — 490, check welfare of animals — 130, dog bites — 145, animals struck by car — 121, dogs seized, (running at large) — 305, rabies investigations — 32, loose/stray reports — 1317, wildlife calls

— 1244, lost cats/dog reports — 502, tickets issued for town ordinance violations — 27, and dead cats/dogs picked up — 312.

This is just a sample of the 5,033 calls that were received by this office. In the first 11 months of 1994,

the town of Colonie delivered 294 dogs to the humane society. Of this number, 232 were redeemed by their owners, 46 were adopted and only 34 were euthanized.

In addition, a total of 167 dead cats and 27 dead dogs were brought to the shelter.

The Humane Society staff wish to extend their thanks to the staff of the Colonie Animal Control Unit for their professionalism and their tremendous cooperation with the shelter.

For information about animal control in Colonie, contact Howard Cropsey Jr., supervisor, Jake Oreshan or Gail Callahan, ACO's, or Beverly Buff, secretary/dispatcher at 783-2711.

Although Bethlehem receives fewer calls than Colonie, the animal control unit still has a tremendous work load.

Just as the Colonie ACO's work under the jurisdiction of its Police Department, so too is the Bethlehem animal control effort under the guidance of the Bethlehem PD.

The mission of the Bethlehem animal control unit is "To provide the enforcement of the appropriate federal, state, county and town laws, regulations and codes.

To provide humane care to animals both domestic and wild. To protect both people from animals and animals from people. To provide educational information to the public concerning animal-

people cohabitation. To help coordinate the efforts of different groups and agencies involved with the above. To serve the residents, their guests and their animal companions of the Town of Bethlehem."

In 1994, Bethlehem animal control officers handled the following calls: animal annoying — 228, dog bite — 22, animal cruelty — 11, dead/injured animal — 151, animals found — 101, assist with animals — 21, dog kill (animal) — 1, dog license — 70, rabies investigation — 102, dogs running at large — 145, animal trap — 8, other animal-related calls — 228, and calls other than animal — 38.

Compared to the previous year 1994 saw a significant decline in total calls on animal problems, from 2226 to 1231.

The two full-time Bethlehem animal control officers are Leonard Tompkins and Richard Watt. Their telephone number is 439-9973. All dogs seized by Bethlehem ACO's are taken to the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society Shelter (434-8128).

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Phil Gara is the executive director of the Mohawk & Hudson Humane Society.



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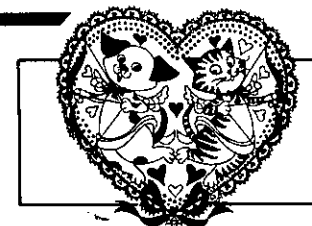
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# Acupuncture can help some canine complaints

By Tom Murnane

If a Niskayuna veterinarian's patients could talk, the conversation might go something like this: "Doc, I don't know how to thank you! Whatever you did with those funny pins you stuck in me, it worked! The pain is gone in my left paw, I can wag my tail again. I feel like a whole new dog!"

Now your pooch probably doesn't have conversations like that with his doctor, but he might if he were going this local practitioner who recently brought a new treatment to Capital District veterinary medicine: Acupuncture.

Dr. Ronald A. Scharf, who bought the Friderici Animal Hospital on Troy-Schenectady Road more than a year ago, is currently

the only area vet to offer this treatment for animals. Before coming to the Colonie-Niskayuna area, Scharf worked his ancient Far East "magic" on animals for five years in a Troy veterinary office.

Although he's used acupuncture on hundreds of animals — mostly dogs and a few cats and even a harness racing horse — Scharf said he's still mainly a traditional animal doctor and uses acupuncture in only 5 percent of his cases, or about two or three a week.

"I never recommend acupuncture first," Scharf said. "If surgery or cortisone treatment can cure a problem, why should I use something that will only ameliorate a condition most of the time? In the traditional Chinese use of acupunc-



Veterinarian Ronald Scharf uses acupuncture to treat one of his patients, Maggie, a 3-year-old golden retriever.



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ture, I'm sure they heal things regularly, but I'm only scratching the surface of what the Chinese do."

Acupuncture, Scharf said, is basically the same for both humans and their pet companions. From a Far East perspective, needles or fingers are used on nerves to restore an individual's flow of energy, or "chi."

"For example, it's like a road-block on Route 787, and there's too many cars backed up on one side of the road block and not enough cars on the other side. Acupuncture removes the road-block to allow the free movement of those cars," Scharf said. "From a Western view, the needles allow the body to release its natural endorphins, which some say are responsible for that "runner's high" some runners get which makes them feel good. These endorphins help override the body's mechano-pain receptors and free the body of paralyzing pain."

Scharf first saw the technique used in 1979 while he was a Long Island vet's assistant. Although the vet knew only one technique, he sold Scharf on its importance to animal health care.

"I used to carry in these 90-pound German Shepherds, who couldn't walk because they were in so much pain. He'd find one pressure point and they'd be walking out of the hospital under their own power. I never forgot that."

After graduating from Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1985, Scharf received certification by the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society, which boasts several hundred members who practice the craft, mainly in Asia.

The costs for animal acupuncture can add up, however. After the animal's initial evaluation and treatment, which costs \$60, Scharf said he typically offers his patients between six and 12 follow-up treatments at \$40 per session. "Some animals need more, some need less. You never know."

## □ Polling

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consider having polling places at the district's five elementary schools, instead of the current one poll at the middle school.

The 1994 data show generally that people who live closest to the middle school are more likely to vote.

"Accessibility to the polls is an issue, and five polling places would give all voters much greater opportunity to exercise their franchise," Loomis said.

Changing to five polling places will evidently require that voters register again, as residents of a particular school election district. School attorney Roger Fritts is researching whether registration

can be conducted immediately prior to the vote.

"If we're going to have five polling places, it is imperative that we make registration as easy as possible," Loomis said.

Board member Pamela Williams said the registration requirement may hinder rather than help turnout at first.

"I'm not totally convinced that moving to five polling places with registration is realistic for this year," she said. "I don't want to preclude people who show up at the middle school from voting."

While in some area school districts, higher turnouts signal budget defeats, Williams said, "I would like to see more people get out and vote and take my chances."

## LWV to celebrate 75 years of activism

The Albany County League of Women Voters is planning its February county meeting for Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the William K. Sanford Town Library.

The meeting will mark the 75th anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the United States. It will coincide with a nationwide effort by local leagues to commemorate successes in grass-roots activism.

The Albany County league was instrumental in establishing the Colonie Public Library in the early 1960s.

The meeting will open with a reception and display of a traveling exhibit depicting the history of the league.

Guest speaker Deborah Wenig, assistant professor of political science at Orange County Community College and Mount St. College, will speak at 7:30 p.m. on "Grass-roots Activism — The League of Women Voters at Work."

Wenig is director of social policy/women's issues and health care for the League of Women Voters of New York State. She will discuss how the league functions as a public interest group and the impact of the league's grass-roots activism in the American political process.

## Kidney group turning aluminum into gold

The National Kidney Foundation is encouraging people to recycle their aluminum cans, pie plates, aluminum foil and any other recyclable aluminum and donate the proceeds to the foundation.

The proceeds will go to the foundation's patient services and research programs.

For information on the recycling campaign, call the foundation at 458-9697.

## □ Zoning

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get together and buy it," said Karen Moreau. "Let's not say, 'Shut down New Scotland.'"

"It's not our right to tell landowners to keep their land pretty so we can look at it," said Anne Carson.

"You're limiting what people can do with their land, and that's not right," said Tom Marx.

On the other hand, Jim Finnegan called the proposed revisions fair.

"I'm not against development; I'm for controlled development," he said. "If I wanted chaos, I would have moved to Clifton Park."

The revisions are "not an attempt to control, but an attempt to protect the rights of landowners and the common values of the community," said Dan Hornick, a member of the zoning board of appeals.

While Mackey said that one of the goals of the zoning revision was to increase affordable housing, several residents commented that the larger lot sizes will make housing more expensive.

"I want my kids to be able to live in a development like Salem Hills or Scotch Pine, rather than have to pay \$60,000 for a three-acre lot," said Roz Robinson.

Planning board chairman Robert Stapf, another member of the zoning review committee, said that planned unit developments in

the RA zone could have greater densities.

"The planned unit development process puts the town board and the people, and not the developer, in the driver's seat," Stapf said.

The town board will meet Friday at 5:30 p.m. to consider amending the proposed zoning revisions.

The board will then hold a formal public hearing on the changes on Monday at 6:30 p.m., prior to its regular February meeting, at which the board is expected to approve the amended zoning law.

## Nature walk to delve outdoors after dark

A guided walk is set for Friday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Five Rivers Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

Center naturalists will lead a group tour of the center after dark.

The program is free of charge. For information, call the center at 475-0291.

## IRS offering tax help

The Albany District of the Internal Revenue Service will offer free taxpayer assistance at the Leo O'Brien Federal Building in Albany weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## □ Murder

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from since late last summer, she was not reported missing until Sunday.

"Apparently they were not that close, so that's why (the family) didn't expect anything was wrong," said Colonie Det. Lt. Steve Heider.

Hammond's body was found by a local woman around 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2, after her dog picked up the scent of a body,

which was frozen solid in the underbrush off the bike path.

According to Menands Village Police Chief Mike McCauley, her body was so badly decomposed that it took awhile before authorities could tell it was a female. The body, which according to Albany County Coroner Timothy Cavanaugh suffered multiple stab wounds, had probably been there for months, McCauley said.

The investigation is continuing, police said.

## Bruegger's helps feed hungry

To celebrate its 12th year of operation in the Capital District, Bruegger's Bagel Bakery will donate up to 40,000 bagels to the Hunger Action Network. The company also expects to give away an equal number of bagels to its customers who join in the birthday celebration.

To participate in the bagel benefit, a customer must visit a Bruegger's location on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 15, between 6 and 10 a.m., and wish the bakery a "Happy Birthday." Customers who extend the birthday greetings will receive three free bagels, and Bruegger's will donate three additional bagels to the Hunger Action Network. No purchase is necessary.

The Hunger Action Network will use its credit of Bruegger's bagels to support its regional network of food pantries and emergency food programs to help in the fight against hunger.

"Our gift of bagels to our customers and to the less fortunate in our region is the best way we know how to share Bruegger's success with the community," said George Neal, owner of the Capital District Bruegger's Bagel Bakery shops.

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# Sports

## Free throw at buzzer lifts Georgia Tech

In BBC action this past Sunday, Hillary Cooley calmly hit a free throw with a mere nine-tenths of a second remaining to lift Georgia Tech over Florida State in an ACC thriller. Ryan Sweeney had 15 for the Seminoles.

Wake Forest upended North Carolina, 37-28. Ian Morgan and Brian Rowan combined for 19 for the victors. Melissa Pinchback and Greg Harren led the Tarheels.

Mike Pascone's 24 points paced Maryland as they beat the Cavaliers of Virginia, 55-30. Lauren Falkenheimer played tough defense in defeat.

In a low-scoring battle, Duke edged Clemson 20-17. Kim Hitter and Tom Regal helped slow down a speedy Clemson five. Tim Corson led the Clemson effort.

In the Big East, Villanova, with Matt Glisson and Tom Ford combining for 13, eased past Georgetown, 36-32. Mike Banner had six for the Hoyas.

A strong defensive effort by Bryan Phelps, along with a couple of clutch baskets by Greg Pilon led Miami's 44-30 conquest of Pitt. John Mooney's nine led the Panthers.

Boston College, with three players in double figures and aided by the playmaking of Emily Riegel and Chris Weyant, beat Providence, 49-18.

In the NBA division, the Sonics, down by 12 entering the fourth quarter, roared back to trim the Knicks, 39-35. Ryan Venter and Freeman Klopott combined for 23 for the winners. Chris Williams had 11 for the losers.

The Bulls, behind Corey Reid's pressing defense and 10 points, roared past the Spurs, 60-29. Jon Caplan and Matt Hough combined for 20 for the Spurs.

The Suns beat the Hornets, 42-39. Connor Hughes' strong defensive effort and five points keyed the victory. Josh Plattner and Calvin Short tallied 35 in defeat. And in the NBA finale, the Nuggets, with Josh Meyer controlling the boards and hitting for 15, blasted the Warriors, 54-24. Shane Crouse and Travis Davey had 10 for the Warriors.

## V'ville girls lose by a whisker

By Jacob Van Ryn

On Friday, the Voorheesville girls basketball team suffered a heart-breaking, one-point loss to Colonial Council rival Schalmont.

Schalmont's Melissa Fartine scored a layup with one second remaining in regulation giving the Sabres a 32-31 victory. The winning basket was scored after a scramble for the ball, which was recovered by Jamie Clough, who passed it to the wide-open Fartine for the easy basket.

"It's especially tough to lose a game on a play like that," said coach Jack Adams.

The 'Birds were particularly disappointed with the loss because their defensive effort was outstanding. "We played great defense the whole night. The girls worked hard all night and did a great job shutting down their best players," Adams said.

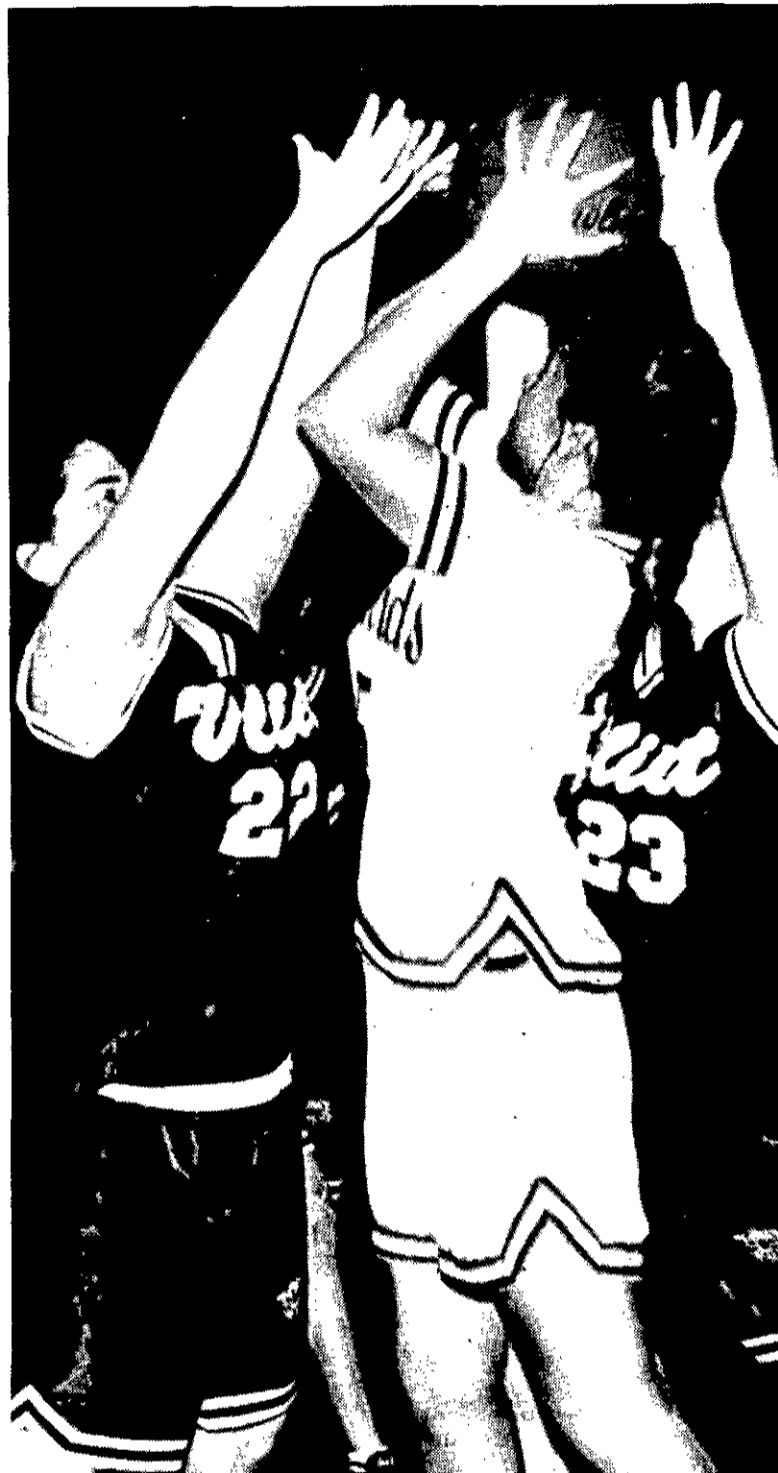
Unfortunately, the 'Birds had a hard time scoring against a tough Schalmont defense. "We got good shots, but the ball just would not go in the hoop," said Adams, referring to his team's 14-46 shooting from the floor.

It was the first time in seven games that the 'Birds shot less than 40 percent from the floor. The girls were led on offense by freshman Jane Meade with 11, while Jyll Klefbeck chipped in with 10.

Earlier in the week, the 'Birds defeated Emma Willard without a great deal of difficulty. "They're overmatched by most of the teams in the league," Adams explained. "It really could have been worse."

In the coming week, the 'Birds host Colonial Council leader Holy Names, which comes to town with an impressive 15-0 record in the league and 16-1 overall.

"We're really looking forward to the game," Adams said, "especially since this is our last chance to beat a top team."



V'ville's Kristen Dougherty goes straight up during a Colonial Conference game. The 'Birds face Holy Names and Ravena this week. *Jon Getnick*

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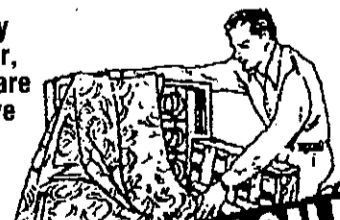
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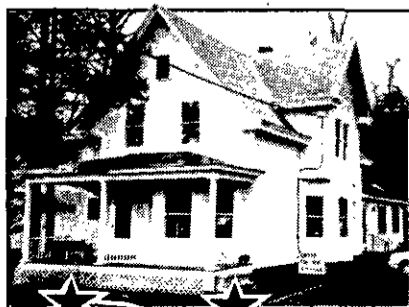
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# Mohonasen next up for unbeaten Eagles

By Janice Gallagher

They keep on rolling.

The Bethlehem girls basketball team last week (11-0 gold division, 14-2 overall) squashed two more teams in their path to becoming sectional champions. They have only two more games until they play their crucial game against rival Shenendehowa on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

The Eagles face Mohonasen tonight at 8 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School, and Saturday they meet Guilderland away. They have beaten both these teams easily earlier in the season, so they are already looking forward to Shenendehowa.

"We have to use the next few games as practice for Shen," said junior point guard Katie Sherwin. "We're going to set goals to reach in those game, and trying to meet them will help keep us focused."

Coach Kim Zornow has also started planning for the big game. "We need to step up our offense

before the game, but we will be prepared."

The girls were able to stay focused last Wednesday, when they beat Shaker 62-20. "The intensity was up, and the team went out there, had fun and enjoyed working as a team," said Zornow.

She aimed for the team to score 60 points and keep Shaker under 20 before the game, and they delivered.

Senior co-captain Karena Zornow came up big with 14 points. Junior Kiley Shortell added 13, while freshman Nicole Conway once again made a strong showing with 10 points. Senior Julie Davidson had six points, 13 rebounds and six blocked shots. Sherwin delivered five points and seven assists.

On Friday, Feb. 3, the girls beat Niskayuna 65-45. Karena scored another 14 points, Conway had 13, and Sherwin came up with 12 points, four assists and four steals.

points, while Chris Wenger tossed in 11. Bethlehem is now 5-6 league, 6-10 overall.

This week, the Eagles return home for Orange Crush Night on Friday, Feb. 10, against Guilderland.

## Star bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of Jan. 29 at Del Lanes:

Senior Circuit Men: Jim Compson 258; Harold Singer 569 triple; and Stan Montague 847 four games.

Senior Circuit Women: Betty Contento 186 and 474 triple.

Men: Nick Zupan 299; Bob Bardin 763 triple; and Al Roth 946 four games.

Women: Heather Selig 249 and 876 four games; Lynn Brennan

# Carrk: Burch needs some help

By Kelly Griffin

Poor shooting resulted in Voorheesville's third loss in four games last Friday as the Blackbirds fell to a tough Schalmont squad, 58-39.

"I was pleased with almost every aspect of that game," said V'ville coach Skip Carrk. "We played solid defense, moved the ball well and were patient on offense. We took very good shots. We just didn't make them."

Voorheesville (10-6 Colonial Council) did have a one-point lead with seven minutes left to play, but they could not hold on for the win.

"Against a team like Schalmont, every part of our game needed to be on," Carrk said. "We didn't have that kind of a night."

Standout center Dave Burch spent most of the first half on the bench because of foul trouble. However, he did present some problems for the Sabers by scoring 17 points.

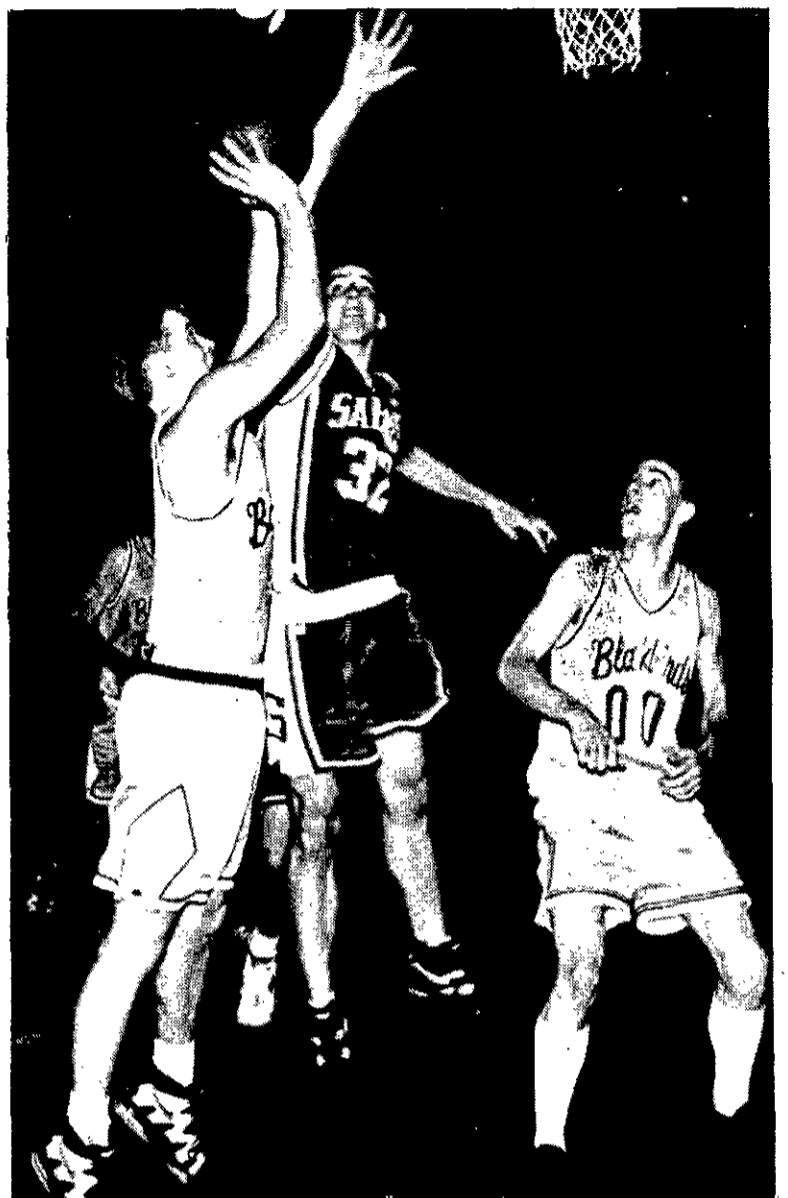
"One of our weaknesses is that we rely on Dave to do all our scoring," said Carrk. "We need someone to step up and make a scoring impact. Every game that someone does, we end up winning by a comfortable margin."

Carrk's theory was proved in the previous game against Waterford on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Reserve guard Joe Robichaud poured in 16 points coming off the bench. Robichaud and Burch, who scored 27, accounted for more than half of Voorheesville's total in the 65-40 rout.

"That was a real nice game," said Carrk. "We clicked on everything." Small forward Josh White pulled down 13 rebounds, and senior guard Adam Keller dished out seven assists.

Carrk said he particularly impressed with the play of junior Ryan Foster and seniors Jason Diehl and Jacob Van Ryn in the Waterford game.

"Ryan had his best game all year, plus Jason and Jacob provided some very strong defense. Their performances, plus Joe's (Robichaud) in the Watertford game are a very positive thing for us."



V'ville's Adam Keller takes a shot in traffic during the game against Schalmont. The 'Birds lost 58-39. Jonathan Getnick

# Bethlehem boys lose another tough one

By Scott Isaacs

The Bethlehem boys varsity basketball team had a wild week, destroying Shaker at home before suffering yet another heart-breaking loss to Niskayuna.

Last Tuesday, a solid Shaker squad ran into an inspired Eagle squad, which completely dismantled the Blue Bison defense, 71-42. Every player scored for BC, which was led by Sean Berry's 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Joe D'Angelo also added a double-double, posting 10 points and 17 rebounds. Erik Gill continued his strong play with 12 points, and Aaron Thorpe tossed in 10.

Last Friday, the Eagles ventured to Niskayuna for a rematch with the Silver Warriors after January's overtime loss at BC.

Once again the game went down to the wire, with Bethlehem crawling to within one before Niskayuna's Rob Rathburn scored with 30 seconds to go. A BC foul shot closed out the scoring, with the Eagles falling again, 58-56.

Gill paced the Eagles with 15

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Maj. Bruce Lennard and Capt. Christine Lennard  
**Fernandez, Lennard marry**

Capt. Christine Fernandez, daughter of Joseph and Trudy Fernandez of Voorheesville, and Maj. Bruce David Lennard, son of Richard and Christine Lennard of Denver, Colo., were married Dec. 17.

The Rev. Arthur Toole performed the ceremony in St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville, with a reception following at Pinehaven Country Club in Guilderland.

Bridesmaids were Teresa Fernandez and Anne-Marie Fernandez, both sisters of the bride, and

the best man was Paul Carney.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School, SUNY Buffalo and Albany Law School. She is a captain in the U.S. Air Force, serving as an attorney in the judge advocate's office at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss.

The groom, a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and the University of Arizona, is a major in the Air Force, serving at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, Calif.

After a cross-country wedding trip, the couple lives in Fairfield.

**Valentine breakfast to aid Dylan Fund**

The Bethlehem Elks, located on Route 144 in Selkirk, will host a Valentine breakfast buffet on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The menu includes pancakes, french toast, waffles, sausage, bacon, eggs, juice and coffee.

All proceeds will benefit the Dylan Fund, a program set up to assist an area toddler recovering from injuries sustained in a recent dog-mauling attack.

The breakfast costs \$7.50 for adult couples, \$6 for senior couples, \$5 for single adults, \$4 for single seniors and \$3 for children under 12.

For information, call 767-9959.

**Program offers tips on controlling pain**

A program on pain control is slated on Monday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

"Pain Control: Physical Therapy and its Alternatives" will focus on innovative approaches to control and eliminate chronic pain, tension, stress, depression and anxiety.

The program will include presentations and demonstrations by a physical therapist, an acupuncturist, a massage therapist and a counselor.

For information, call the library at 439-9314.



Keith Matthew Adams and Samantha Piparo

**Piparo, Adams to marry**

Samantha Piparo, daughter of Salvatore Pelliccia of Albany and Joanne Lenahan of Glenmont, and Keith Matthew Adams, son of former Glenmont residents Keith and Mary Adams of Rotonda West, Fla., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Morrisville. She is

employed as an admitting clerk by St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Alfred University. He is employed as a heavy equipment mechanic by the New York State Thruway Authority in Albany.

The couple plans a May 1996 wedding.

**The Spotlight remembers**

This week in 1985, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- John H. Clyne, a 20-year member of the Bethlehem Central school board, died at the age of 86. Board president Sheila Fuller remembered Clyne as "an exceptional public servant."

- The BC school board began budget deliberations, starting with a basic \$17.98 million budget draft that would raise local taxes more than 10 percent.

- Voorheesville-area parents concerned about youth alcohol and drug abuse sponsored education forums under the aegis of the New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force. "Most people do not believe that it is happening right here, but it is," said Leslie King.

- BC track star Anne Marie Carey was undefeated in six 600-meter races, and clocked under 1:40 three times.

- Starring in the Village Stage production of *The Fantasticks* were Marc Greene, Richard McGrath, Carol Hernandez and Tom Matthews.

**THE YOUTH NETWORK**

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**Be on lookout for signs of pot use**

Albany County Substance Abuse Prevention reports that marijuana use is on the rise in local schools.

Marijuana is the most widely used illicit drug in the United States and tends to be the first illegal drug teens use. According to a 1993 survey of high school seniors, 26 percent had smoked marijuana sometime within the past year.

The signs of marijuana use are: bloodshot eyes, dry mouth and throat, sleepiness and increased hunger.

Marijuana has several negative physical and mental effects. Short-term effects of marijuana use are: impaired or reduced memory, reduced ability to perform tasks requiring concentration and coordination, such as driving a car, decreased social inhibitions, increased heart rate, paranoia, hallucinations and potential cardiac dangers for those with pre-existing heart disease.

Long-term effects include increased cancer risk, decrease in testosterone levels for men, which can cause lower sperm counts, and increase in testosterone levels in women, which increases the risk of infertility.

Today marijuana is frequently laced with other harmful substances, such as angel dust, which makes use of marijuana extremely dangerous.

If someone you know is using marijuana there is help available. Talk to a school counselor or administrator or call Albany County Substance Abuse Prevention at 437-1394.

You can also call 439-7740 to get a Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited list of local alcohol and drug treatment facilities.



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## Dean's List

The following local college students were named to the dean's lists at their respective schools for the fall semester.

Binghamton University — Joel Begg, Adam Price, Amy Ringler, Naomi Shoss and Karen Stornelli, all of Delmar.

Clarkson University — Elizabeth Lucia of Voorheesville.

Hudson Valley Community College — James Dundon of Delmar.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute — Elizabeth Dunn of Delmar.

SUNY Geneseo — Beth Borofsky of Delmar.

SUNY Potsdam — Lynn Coffey of Delmar.

University of Rochester — Rebecca Cole of Delmar.

U.S. Naval Academy — John DiAnni of Selkirk.

Wells College — Mana Magdalena Slone-Braclio of Delmar.



Kimberly and Gary Carl

## Deyo, Carl marry

Kimberly Deyo, daughter of Jack and Doris Brown of Schenectady, and Gary A. Carl, son of Robert and Audrey Carl of Clarksville, were married May 7.

The Rev. Arthur Hudak performed the ceremony in the Bavarian Chalet in Guilderland, where a reception followed.

The matron of honor was Diane Karandy, and bridesmaids were Rebecca Brown, the bride's sister-in-law, Penny Carl and Linnea Carl, both sisters-in-law of the groom, and Maureen Donaldson. The flower girl was Hailey Deyo, the bride's daughter.

The best man was Brian Carl,

the groom's brother, and ushers were Rick Brown and Doug Brown, both brothers of the bride, Richard Miller and Chris Hansen.

The bride is a graduate of Linton High School and Albany Business College. She is employed as a noon-hour aide at Latham Ridge Elementary School in Latham.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Modern Welding School. He is employed as a mechanic by the Bethlehem Central School District.

After a wedding trip along the East Coast to Virginia Beach, the couple lives in Latham.



Brian Walencik and Brenda Newkirk

## Newkirk, Walencik to marry

Brenda A. Newkirk, daughter of the late Theodore Newkirk of Selkirk and Kathleen Newkirk of Selkirk, and Brian T. Walencik, son of Thomas and Karen Walencik of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School and attended Cazenovia College and SUNY New Paltz. She is employed as a data center secre-

tary by Systematics Financial Services in Albany.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He is employed as an environmental engineer by General Electric in Fort Edward.

The couple plans an Oct. 14 wedding.

## Parden, McGuinness to marry

Wendy Mia Parden, daughter of Walter and Margery Tappe of Katonah, Westchester County, and James Anthony McGuinness, son of James McGuinness of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, and Marilyn McGuinness of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of

the University at Albany and currently attends Albany Law School.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Siena College. He is employed as a consultant by DRT Systems International in Albany.

The couple plans a summer 1996 wedding.

## Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo.

Black and white photos are preferred, but color photos are acceptable. Polaroid photos cannot be printed.

For information and submission forms, call 439-4949. Mail announcements to 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054.

## Births

### St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Griffith D. Eddy, to Darlene and Griffith Eddy, Selkirk, Jan. 12.

Girl, Emily Elizabeth Fox, to Kellie and Thomas Fox, Bethlehem, Jan. 25.

### Local firefighters finish training course

A number of local firefighters recently completed a course in confined space awareness at the Slingerlands Fire Department.

Finishing the course from the Slingerlands Fire Department were Timothy Veltman, Donald Veltman, David Veltman, Jason Tice, Douglas Smith, Peter Schmidt, Daniel Peters, William McGarry III, William McGarry, George Leinhardt, Joseph McCandless, Fred Hill III, William Griffith, Robert Flagler, Joseph Flagler, Mike Fish, James Daly, Randy Conger and Scott Blood.

The six-hour course was taught by state fire instructor Warren Carr.

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## Community Corner

### Singing Valentines

The River Valley Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, will offer their annual "Singing Valentines" on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For a \$35 tax deductible donation, a quartet or an octet will personally deliver a love note in harmony to the person of your choice. For more information, call Myrtle at 355-8686.

# Obituaries

## Helen E. Hobbie

Helen Elisabeth Hobbie, 78, of the Beverwyck Retirement Community, a former Bethlehem Central High School principal, died Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

A longtime resident of Selkirk, the town named Hobbie Lane in her honor.

Born in Glens Falls, she was valedictorian of Glens Falls High School and a magna cum laude graduate of the former State Teachers College.

She was a member of Signum Laudis, the senior honor society, and Delta Kappa Gamma, the honorary society for women in education. She earned a master's degree from SUNYA and did graduate work at the University at Buffalo and the University of Colorado.

Ms. Hobbie taught in Candor and Greenwich before moving to Albany to teach at Hackett Junior High School.

In 1943, she enlisted in the Navy as an apprentice seaman and achieved the rank of specialist first class. She was assigned to naval air stations in Atlanta, Ga., and Memphis, Tenn. She taught instrument flying to Navy and Marine pilots during World War II.

After her discharge from the Navy, she attended school at the Link Trainer Co. in Binghamton to qualify as an aviator instructor at the high school level. During her teaching career, she taught French, Latin, English, mathematics and aviation.

Ms. Hobbie gained national recognition when Gen. James Doolittle appointed her to the Aviation Education Committee in observance of the 50th anniversary of powered flight.

She was president of the Albany Teachers Association and served on local and state education committees. From 1963 to 1966, she was a member of the Regents Advisory Board for Teacher Education, Certification and Practice. She received the Bertha E. Brimmer Award as outstanding teacher from the SUNYA Alumni Association in 1967 and was one of 125 distinguished Alumni Award recipients in 1969.

She joined the Bethlehem school system in 1965 as a math teacher and was named the first

woman principal at Bethlehem Central in 1970.

After retiring in 1973, she taught reading to adults at the Whitney M. Young Jr. Health Center. She was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Albany.

Survivors include a sister, Kathryn Lockwood of Vero Beach Fla., and a brother, Edward H. Hobbie of South Deerfield, Mass.

Interment will be in Greenwich Cemetery. A memorial service will be in May at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, North Bethlehem Fire Dept. or Western Turnpike Volunteer Rescue Squad.

## Lois A. Matheson

Lois A. Matheson, 61, of Delmar died Saturday, Feb. 4, at her home.

Born in Somerville, Mass., she moved to the Capital District in 1963 and lived in Delmar for many years.

She was a reading specialist with the Westchester County public school system and later worked for the state Department of Education. She retired in 1991 as associate supervisor after 25 years with the department.

She was a member of the board of directors with the New York State Literacy Volunteers at the time of her death. She was a member of the American Association of Adult Continuing and Community Education.

She was the dear friend of Rose Marie Lamorella and Joseph and Lucille Mangano.

Service were scheduled for today, Feb. 8, at 1 p.m. from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home on 490 Delaware Ave. in Albany.

Burial will be at noon Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouthport, Mass.

## Florence Newell

Florence Somerville Newell, 80, died Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Delmar.

Born in Amsterdam, she was a longtime resident of Glenmont.

She was a graduate of the former Albany State Teachers College. Mrs. Newell taught business education in Homer, Cortland County, and Coxsackie high schools. She was a substitute teacher at Bethlehem Central High School and also tutored disabled students. She operated the Sandy Creek Farm for 30 years with her late husband, Ernest A. Newell.

She was a member of the Delmar Reformed Church for 56 years and taught Sunday school. She was a board member of the Bethlehem Public Library.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas E. Newell of Selkirk and James W. Newell of Philadelphia; a sister, Edith Foster of Colonie; a brother, John Somerville of Oswego; and two granddaughters.

Services were from the Delmar Reformed Church.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Reformed Church Endowment Fund or the Bethlehem Public Library.

## Elizabeth R. Kenny

Elizabeth Robbins Kenny, 87, a longtime resident of Delmar, died Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Hallmark Nursing Center in Schenectady.

Born in Birmingham, Ala., she had lived in Delmar for 50 years. She attended Cornell University and graduated from the University at Albany in 1957.

Mrs. Kenny taught special education classes in Bethlehem schools before retiring in 1970.

She was a former member of the Delmar Progress Club, a former member of the Gansevoort Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Alpha Omega Pi.

She was the widow of George H. Kenny.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Ann Austin of Winston-Salem, N.C.; a son, David G. Kenny of Schenectady; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Lake Mont Cemetery.

## Gerald Lansing

Gerald C. Lansing, 59, of Brunswick and formerly of Bethlehem, died Monday, Jan. 23, at Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

Born in Schenectady, he graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and the State University at Binghamton.

Mr. Lansing was a financial analyst for IBM for 30 years before he retired in 1987.

He was a member of the Rensselaer County Organization for United Senior Endeavors. He was also a member of the Brunswick Historical Society, the Schaghticoke Fair Association, the Antique Engine Club and the Troy Germania Hall Association.

Mr. Lansing served as a member of the Averill Park School District study committee for the annexation of the George Washington School, and as deputy treasurer of the George Washington School.

He was a member of the First Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie.

Survivors include his wife, Heidel Pauly Lansing; a daughter, Karen Lansing of Wynantskill; and a son, Wayne Lansing of Troy.

Services were from the Blooming Grove Reformed Church in Defreestville. Burial was in Elmwood Hill Cemetery in Troy.

Arrangements were by the Morris-Stebbins-Miner & Sandvige Funeral Home in Troy.

Contributions may be made to the church or the North Greenbush Ambulance, 409 Main Ave., Wynantskill 12198.

## Vera C. Forester

Vera C. Forester, 76, of Ridge Road in Delmar, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Berlin, Germany, she was educated in England.

She worked at Dun & Bradstreet in the late 1940s and early 1950s and was a secretary for Graceland Cemetery in Albany until she retired in 1984.

Mrs. Forester was a member of the Delmar Reformed Church.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Forester; a daughter, Annette Lodge of Scotia; and a son, Stephen Forester of Lenoir, N.C.

Services were from the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Fire and Rescue Squad or the Elsmere Fire Department.

## Bernard Mocker Jr.

Bernard A. Mocker Jr., 69, of Glenmont died Monday, Jan. 30, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Vincentian Institute in Albany.

He had operated a farm with

his father in Glenmont, and after operated The Three Farms Dairy with his late brother Edward Mocker. They later ran the La Casa Restaurant in Selkirk until 1979.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Goes Mocker.

Services were from the Zwack & Sons Funeral Home and Church of St. John-St. Ann, both in Albany.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Church of St. John-St. Ann Building Fund.

## Jean Parker Hurwitz

Jean Parker Hurwitz, 73, of Mosher Road in Delmar, died Friday, Feb. 3, at St. Peter's Hospice Inn at Memorial Hospital in Albany.

Born in the Bronx, she lived in York, Pa., and New York City before she moved to the Capital District. She was a graduate of Hunter College and the New York State Teachers College.

She retired as a reading teacher at the former Philip Schuyler High School in Albany.

She had also worked for more than 15,000 hours as a volunteer at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Hurwitz was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and its Sisterhood in Albany, the B'nai B'rith, the Albany Chapter of Hadassah and the New York State Teachers Association.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Charles Hurwitz; two sons, David Hurwitz of Liverpool, Onondaga County, and Richard Hurwitz of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Cheryl Hurwitz of Silver Springs, Md., and Laura Snyder of Buxton, Maine; a brother, William Parker of Tokyo; a sister, Elaine Brofman of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Services were scheduled for today, Feb. 8, at the Levine Memorial Chapel, 649 Washington Ave., Albany.

Burial will be in Beth Emeth Cemetery in Loudonville.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203 or St. Peter's Hospice, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Embroidery guild to host workshops

The New York Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

Several mini-workshops will cover such topics as ribbon embroidery, blackwork, smocking and finishing touches.

Participants can bring a bag lunch.

For information, contact Nancy Schlegel at 477-4511.

## Death Notices

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

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# Family Entertainment

CALENDAR ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Area kids to sing along with folksinger Sunday

Red Grammer, one of the most popular children's performers in the nation, will appear in concert at the Empire Center at the Egg on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m. In a unique twist, the show will also feature 30 local children joining Grammer on stage for the concert.

Grammer's award-winning recordings and songs have made him a favorite of children, parents and teachers all over North America. He has made numerous appearances on TV and radio, including his own concert special on the Disney Channel and guest appearances on Nickelodeon's "Eureeka's Castle" and "The Today Show" on NBC.

His original music, which he writes with his wife, Kathy, is designed to appeal to young and old alike. He has four children's albums: "Down the Do-Re-Mi" (Parents' Choice Gold Award), "Teaching Peace" (Parents' Choice 1993 Classic Award), "Can You Sound Just Like Me?" and "Red Grammer's Favorite Sing Along Songs."

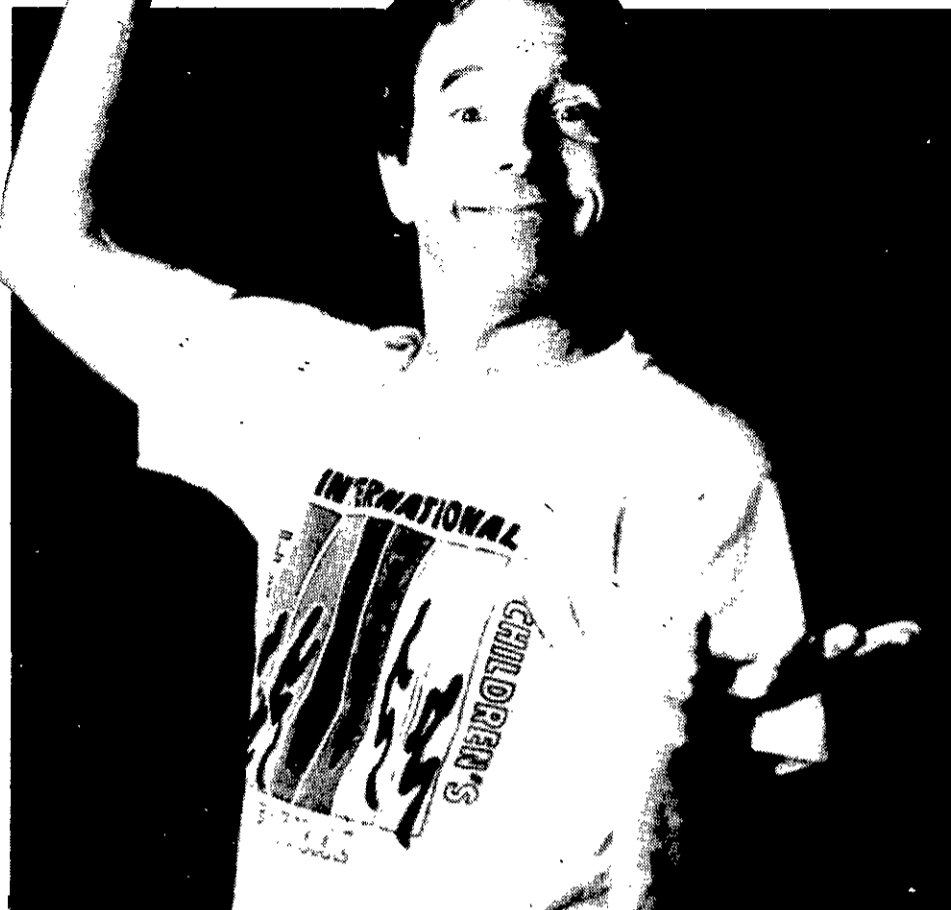
Grammer has also produced "Free Falling," an assemblage of original and classic songs for adult listening.

Starting out in the Chicago folk scene of the mid-70s, Grammer moved to Southern California where he was chosen by the world-renowned Limelites to replace Glenn Yarborough as lead singer.

He flourished with them—performing in Showtime and PBS specials, numerous recordings and extensive national and international concert tours.

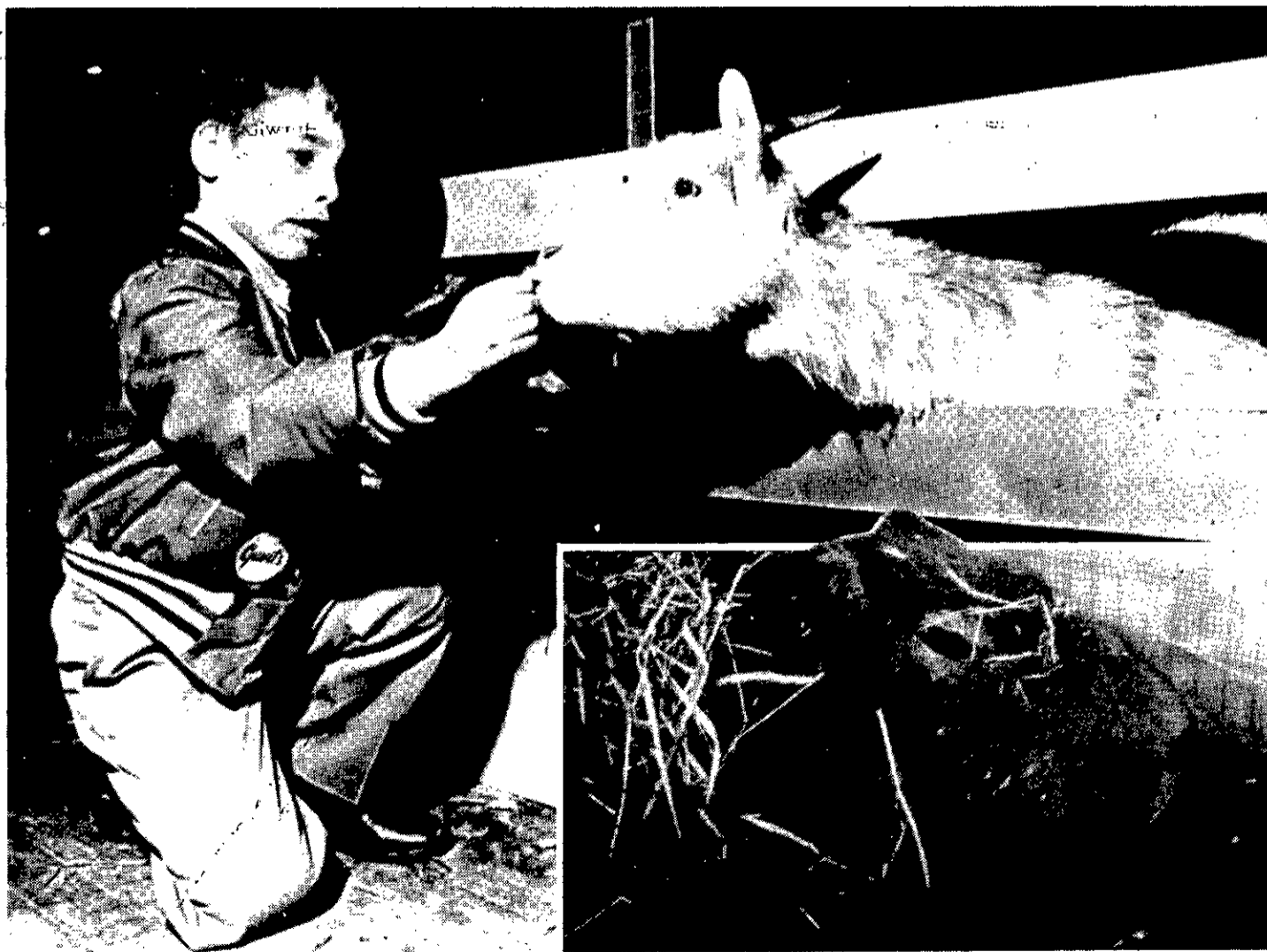
It was during his years with the Limelites that Grammer began his collaborative songwriting relationship with his wife, starting first with adult material and then moving into the area of children's music after they became parents.

Tickets for this family concert cost \$8 for adults and \$6 for children under 13. For information and reservations, contact the Egg box office at 473-1845.



Children's performer Red Grammer prepares for his concert to be held Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Empire Center at the Egg.

## Pet Expo-recessions



If you happen to see a 17-foot, 3-inch-tall giraffe that answers to the name "Dickie," and it's roaming about the New Scotland Avenue Armory this weekend as if it owns the place, don't call the city's animal control officer. Dickie and scores of other animals ranging from Asian elephants to a kangaroo will be on hand for the 1995 Pet Expo, dubbed "The World's Largest Travelling Children's Zoo," scheduled for Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., respectively.

## Fund-raiser hopes to fill bowls for local food bank

A weekend fund-raiser for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York will be held this weekend at the Common Ground, a fine arts gallery on 19th Street in Watervliet.

Dubbed "A Chili Bowl Weekend," the event will be held on Friday, Feb. 10, from 5 to 9 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Weekend entertainment will include artists' demonstrations, musicians, poetry readings and storytelling. Gallery patrons will be invited to purchase a hand-crafted pottery bowl for \$10, \$15 or \$20 and sample a variety of chilis and desserts.

Gallery owners Stacey Gérard and Timothy Stowell plan to donate 100 percent of the proceeds to the Regional Food Bank. "Raising money for the food bank seemed like a wonderful idea," Gérard said. "Now that the hustle and bustle of the holiday season has ended, many people do not have the money to donate. Hosting an event in February seemed like the best time to help raise money for such a great cause."

Funds raised will assist the food bank in distributing donated food to more than 600 member agencies in 23 upstate counties.



# AROUND THE AREA

WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 8

## ALBANY COUNTY

**GERMAN CLASS**  
no prior knowledge of German is needed, The German Language School, McKownville United Methodist Church, Western Avenue, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 439-8003.

**SELF-MOTIVATION PROGRAM**  
"Staying Motivated During Change," led by Dr. John Pelizza, Russell Sage health education professor, Sage Albany Campus Center, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

**WINTER FARMERS' MARKET**  
Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. Information.

**BOOK AND MUSIC SALE**  
to benefit the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York, through Feb. 10, concourse of the Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 434-4686.

**"STAYING MOTIVATED DURING CHANGE"**  
seminar conducted by Dr. John Pelizza, Sage Junior College at Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

**RENSSELAER COUNTY EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**  
Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

**CHORUS REHEARSAL**  
sponsored by Capital and Chorus, Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th Street and 4th Avenue, North Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

**SQUARE DANCE**  
Single Squares of Albany, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

**RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING**  
Glen Worden School, 34 Worden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 9

## ALBANY COUNTY

**INFORMATION SESSION**  
for the graduate program and independent study programs for adults students at the Empire State College, Northeast Center, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 485-5964.

**INTERFAITH SERVICE**  
to observe Haiti Solidarity week, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 453-6695.

**CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP**  
Capital District Chapter, board room of St. Peter's Hospital, South Manning Boulevard, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-2436.

**RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS**  
Capital District Association, to discuss community policing in Albany, Howard Johnson's, 1614 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$5 for non-members. Information, 273-8242.

**HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
"Sweets for your Sweetheart," on using healthy substitutes in desserts, Woman's Health Care Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, noon to 1 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

**SENIOR CHORALE**  
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS**  
workshop on communication in the workplace, Sage Albany Campus Center, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 9 a.m. to noon. Information, 445-1717.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
St. Paul's Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

**FARMERS' MARKET (June 23 to Nov. 17)**  
Third Reformed Church, Kate Street and Whitehall Road, Albany, 3 to 6 p.m.

**THE QUEST**  
a contemporary, systematic study of spiritual principles, Unity Church, 725 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 475-9715.

**NETWORKING SOCIAL**  
for Russell Sage Evening College Alumni, room 224 of the Albany Campus Center, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 445-1725.

**SENIORS LUNCHEONS**  
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

**CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE**  
meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY CULTURAL DIVERSITY TALK**  
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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 8**

**BETHLEHEM TOWN BOARD**  
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**BETHLEHEM CENTRAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION BREAKFAST**  
Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 8 a.m. Information, 439-4921.

**GLENMONT PTA**  
Glenmont Elementary School, Route 9W, 7 p.m. Information, 463-1154.

**CLARKSVILLE PTA**  
Clarksville Elementary School, Olive Street, 7:30 p.m. Information, 768-2318.

**BINGO**  
Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 58**  
Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**  
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

**NEW SCOTLAND NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**  
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

**"WOMEN IN ART: 400 YEARS OF PAINTING"**  
slide lecture, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**CERTIFIED NURSERY PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**  
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Rice Extension Center, Martin Road, 1 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

**AA MEETING**  
First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**AL-ANON MEETING**  
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 477-4476.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
evening service, Bible study and prayer, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

**FAITH TEMPLE**  
bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**  
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

**CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER**  
open house, 250 Delaware Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information, 783-1864.

**BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS**  
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY**  
firehouse, Adams Place, 8 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW POST 3185**  
404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

**ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY**  
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m.

**AA MEETINGS**  
Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
women's Bible study, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:15 p.m., child care available for morning session, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

**CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM**  
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

**CHABAD CENTER**  
Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

**NEW SCOTLAND YOUTH GROUP**  
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

**ELKS BREAKFAST**  
Bethlehem Lodge of Elks, Route 144, Selkirk, 9 a.m. to noon, \$5, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children under 12. Information, 767-9959.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**  
for people caring for frail or elderly relatives, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 3 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care, coffee/fellowship, 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

**MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 11**

**WELCOME WAGON**  
newcomers, engaged women and new mothers, call for a Welcome Wagon visit, Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, 785-9640.

**RED MEN**  
St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

**SECOND MILERS LUNCHEON MEETING**  
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., noon. Information, 439-6003.

**DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**  
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

**TESTIMONY MEETING**  
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**  
evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

**THURSDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 9**

**BETHLEHEM PANEL DISCUSSION**  
"Helping Your Child With Reading — The Parent's Role," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**RECOVERY, INC.**  
self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**  
Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7387.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Bible study, 10 a.m., children's choir, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

**NEW SCOTLAND EVERY OTHER THURSDAY NIGHT POETS**  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**FAITH TEMPLE**  
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

**WINTER BIRD WALK**  
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, 2 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

**STORYTELLING WORKSHOP**  
"Tales of Teaching and Learning," led by Marni Schwartz, The Story Studio, 101 Cherry Ave., \$50. Information, 475-9482.

**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**  
excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.

**AA MEETING**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**  
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:50 a.m., nursery provided, 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road. Information, 439-7864.

**NEW SCOTLAND. BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

**FAITH TEMPLE**  
Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

**ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m., Mountainview Street, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

**JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH**  
worship service, 9:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

**NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH**  
worship service, 10 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 765-2354.

**ONESQUETHAW REFORMED CHURCH**  
worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

**UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND**  
worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

**UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**  
worship services, 8:30 and 10 a.m., church school and nursery care, 10 a.m., children's choir, 11:15 a.m., youth group, 4 p.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 765-2895.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
Bible hour, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155. Information, 765-3390.

**CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2916.

**NEW SCOTLAND LIFESTORIES MEMORY WRITING**  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

**FAMILY VALENTINE PROGRAM**  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, noon to 2 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**FRIDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 10**

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**BETHLEHEM QUILTERS UNITED IN LEARNING TOGETHER**  
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9:30 a.m.

**AA MEETING**  
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**SUNDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 12**

**BETHLEHEM CAPITAL-HUDSON IRIS SOCIETY**  
Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 393-8205.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**  
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 3 to 4:30 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

**SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF JHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
Bible lecture, 9:30 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:25 a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information, 767-9059.

**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

**DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

**DELMAR FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**  
Sunday services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

**DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH**  
Sunday school and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**  
church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

**GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
worship service and Sunday school, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

**CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**  
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**  
Latin Mass, 10 a.m., Route 9W, Glenmont.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**  
worship service, 11 a.m., 1. Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
church school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 9:30 a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

**UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND**  
worship service, 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Information, 439-6454.

**UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**  
worship services, 8:30 and 10 a.m., church school and nursery care, 10 a.m., children's choir, 11:15 a.m., youth group, 4 p.m., 68 Maple Ave. Information, 765-2895.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
Bible hour, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155. Information, 765-3390.

**CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2916.



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**MONDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 13**

**BETHLEHEM PAIN CONTROL WORKSHOP**  
"Pain Control: Physical Therapy and its Alternatives," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**SLINGERLANDS PTA**  
at the school on Union Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7681.

**MOTHERS' TIME OUT**  
Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

**INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING** Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m., Information, 439-0057.
**DELMAR KIWANIS** Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.
**SUNSHINE SENIORS** covered dish luncheon, noon, business meeting, 1 p.m., First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Information, 439-7179.
**DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA** rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

**ELSMERE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.
**DELMAR ROTARY** Days Inn, Route 9W, Information, 482-8824.
**A.W. BECKER PTA** Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.
**SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233** Route 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.
**ONESQUETHAU CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR** Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.
**TESTIMONY MEETING** First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.
**SOLID ROCK CHURCH** 1 Kenwood Ave., evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

**NEW SCOTLAND PLANNING BOARD** town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. information, 765-3356.
**NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS** Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.
**STORY HOUR** Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.
**"BEEF HERD HEALTH"** lecture by Dr. Gerald Mechor of Cornell University, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Rice Extension Center, Martin Road. Information, 765-3500.
**CREATIVITY WORKSHOP** Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**VALENTINE'S DAY PROGRAM** for preschoolers, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 and 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.
**EMBROIDERS' GUILD OF AMERICA** Capital District chapter, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 477-4511.
**SMORGASBORD DINNER** sponsored by the Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-2738.
**"TAKING CARE OF TERRIFIC"** After School Theatre film, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP** excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South. Information, 439-6391.
**AA MEETING** Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.
**AL-ANON GROUP** support for relatives of alcoholics, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.
**NEW SCOTLAND TOWN BOARD** town hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889.
**VOORHEESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD** large group instruction room, Clayton A. Bouton High School, Route 85A, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3313.
**STORY HOUR** Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14**
**BETHLEHEM BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** of the Delmar Progress Club, to discuss "Josephine: The Hungry Heart," Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-3916.
**INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING** Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-0057.
**TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP** First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
**BINGO** at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.
**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES** Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

**BETHLEHEM BC SCHOOL BOARD** district offices, 90 Adams Place, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7098.
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.
**BINGO** Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.
**BOY SCOUT TROOP 58** Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.
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**BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB** Days Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

**NEW SCOTLAND NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS** Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.
**TAX HELP FOR SENIOR CITIZENS** by appointment, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 765-2791.
**AA MEETING** First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.
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**FAITH TEMPLE** bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF  
FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

1. The name of the foreign limited liability company is Integrated Site Development Company, LLC.  
2. The application for authority to do business in New York was filed with the Secretary of State for the State of New York on January 10, 1995.  
3. The jurisdiction of its organization is the District of Columbia. The date of its organization is November 8, 1994.  
4. The county within the State of New York in which the office of the foreign limited liability company is located is Albany.  
5. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against him or her is: c/o Phillip Chiarella, Attorney's Process and Research Service, 1 Columbia Place, Albany, New York 12207.  
6. The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company can be served is: Phillip Chiarella, Attorney's Process and Research Service, 1 Columbia Place, Albany, New York 12207.  
7. The address of the office required to be maintained in the jurisdiction of the limited liability company's formation by the laws of that jurisdiction is 1130 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 325, Washington, D.C. 20036.  
8. The company's authorized officer in the District of Columbia is Andrew D. Roscoe and his address is 1130 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 325, Washington, D.C. 20036.  
9. The character of the business to be transacted by the foreign limited liability company is site acquisition and development of telecommunication sites and to pursue all things legal, necessary or convenient to accomplish its purpose and operate such a business. The operation of the Company shall also be governed by a separate operating agreement executed by the members of the company.  
(February 8, 1995)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF  
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF  
RICHARD AND ELIZABETH  
SONNEBORN FAMILY LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP  
FORMED PURSUANT TO THE  
REVISED UNIFORM LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP ACT OF THE  
STATE OF NEW YORK**

Notice is hereby given that the persons herein named have formed a limited partnership for the transaction of business in the City of Albany, State of New York and elsewhere and have filed a certificate of limited partnership with the New York State Secretary of State on December, 1994, of which the substance is as follows:  
The name of limited partnership is RICHARD AND ELIZABETH SONNEBORN FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.  
The character of the business is buying, selling and investing securities and/or other assets.  
The location of the principal place of business is 56 Mohawk Terrace, Slingerlands, New York, County of Albany, State of New York.  
The New York State Secretary of State is an agent of the Limited Partnership upon whom process against said Limited Partnership may be served. Any process served upon said Secretary of State as agent of the Limited Partnership shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to Richard and Elizabeth Sonneborn, 56 Mohawk Terrace, Slingerlands, New York.  
Richard and Elizabeth Sonneborn, 56 Mohawk Terrace, Slingerlands, New York, shall be the registered agents of the Limited

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Partnership upon whom process against it may be served.

The name and place of residence of each General Partner is available from the Secretary of State.  
The term for which the partnership is to exist is from the 31st day of December, 1994 until December 31, 2025.  
The Certificate referred to above has been acknowledged by the general and limited partners.  
Dated: December 27, 1994

s/Richard Sonneborn,  
General Partner  
s/Elizabeth Sonneborn,  
General Partner

(February 8, 1995)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 15, 1995, at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Alan and Barbara Via, 27 Brookview Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article XII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, Section 128-50 of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for change in original plans to construct a kitchen addition at premises 27 Brookview Avenue, Delmar, New York.

Michael C. Hodom  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals

(February 8, 1995)

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Michael C. Hodom  
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(February 8, 1995)

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Albany, the Town of Bethlehem, the Town of Colonie, the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority (ERCSWMA), the County of Schoenectady and the Town of Schenectady are jointly issuing a Request for Bids for Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal Services for three (3) specific dates at a maximum of eight (8) separate sites. Copies of bid specifications are available from Pamela Mineaux, City Clerk, City of Albany, City Hall, Albany, New York 12207. Bidders shall submit sealed bids which are returnable to the City Clerk on or before 1:00

**LEGAL NOTICE**

p.m., February 24, 1995.  
Dated: February 7, 1995  
(February 8, 1995)

**BETHLEHEM CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District agree to bid jointly with other school districts and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), Putnam/Westchester Counties and respectively invite the submission of sealed Bids as follows:

**SCHOOL VANS & BUSES**

Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on Friday, February 17, 1995, at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, School Services Building, Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Putnam/Northern Westchester, 200 BOCES Drive,

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Yorktown Heights, New York, 10598. specifications and bid forms, including Notice to Bidders, General Conditions, Special Instructions, bid Proposal Certification, Bid Form and Detailed Specifications may be obtained at the board of Cooperative Educational Services, Purchasing Department, 200 BOCES Drive, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. 10598 or by calling (914) 248-2317.

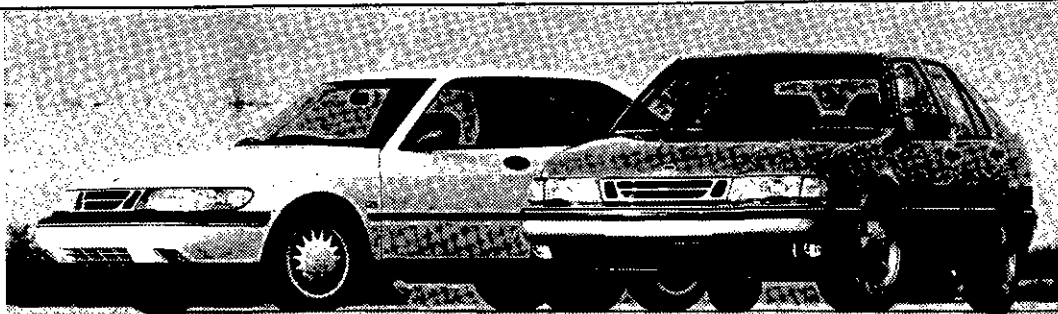
The bids will be analyzed by a Steering committee of School Business Officials which reserves the right to recommend acceptance of each bid by item, as a group, or as a whole, or in its discretion to reject all bids and to readvertise. Bids opened and read shall remain irrevocable for a period of sixty days. The award of contracts, if at all, shall be made as soon as practicable after the bid opening.  
(February 8, 1995)

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## Fuller

(From Page 1)

I spent 13 years on the (Bethlehem) board of education, and some of the decisions I made there people may have questioned."

What is not in question, however, is her determination to hold on to the \$63,475 job: "I care about this town, and I think I have a proven record of working for the people."

The controversy over the town's new \$13.9 million water system, which came to a head last summer but continues to resurface, is likely to be a major issue in the fall election, she conceded.

"It was an issue two years ago (during the 1993 campaign), it was an issue this past year, and yes, I expect it will be back again."

## Siena play to portray domestic violence

Stage Three, the Siena College theater company, will present the world premiere of "Storms Without Warning," a drama about domestic violence, in Siena's Foy Campus Center Theater in Loudonville.

Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 3, 4 and 5. All will begin at 8 p.m.

"Storms Without Warning," by Lori Vander Maten of Burbank, Calif., won the 1994 Siena College International Playwrights' Competition. More than 300 plays were entered.

The play is set in a remote mountain cabin where Carly and her husband, Wayne, live. While he is away, she is visited by Janet, her best friend from high school. Wayne's unexpected return forces Carly to make hard choices about her husband and her friend.

For information, call Siena at 783-2431.

## Latham bridal show promises give-aways

Formally Yours Bridal and Formal Wear is planning its first annual bridal show in celebration of Valentine's Day for Sunday, Feb. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Michael's Banquet House on Route 9 in Latham.

Over 25 exhibitors will be on hand to answer questions. Formally Yours will present 35 gowns and The Tux-Connection will present tuxedos throughout the afternoon.

There will be a raffle drawing at 3:30 p.m. for several prizes, including a wedding gown from Formally Yours, a Hawaiian honeymoon from Blue Sky's Travel, a lady's dinner ring with diamonds and sapphire set in white gold from Tops Custom Jewelers, wedding bands and a five-piece set of London Fog luggage from Lechmere, a Friday and Saturday nights' stay at The Marriott Residence Inn, and an 11" x 14" portrait by Katherine Mitnacht.

For information, call Formally Yours at 346-1517.

## Museum's bird exhibit off limits until 1996

The New York State Museum in Albany has closed its Bird Hall exhibit area while repairs are being made on the bus ramp at the second floor entrance to the museum. Bird Hall is located directly beneath the ramp.

The repairs are expected to be completed by the fall of 1996, at which time the exhibit will be restored.

## Child's Hospital seeks volunteer staffers

Child's Hospital and Nursing Home at 25 Hackett Blvd. in Albany is seeking volunteers to act as escorts, as well as to staff its gift shop and surgical center reception area.

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